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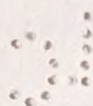
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in a dynamite explosion

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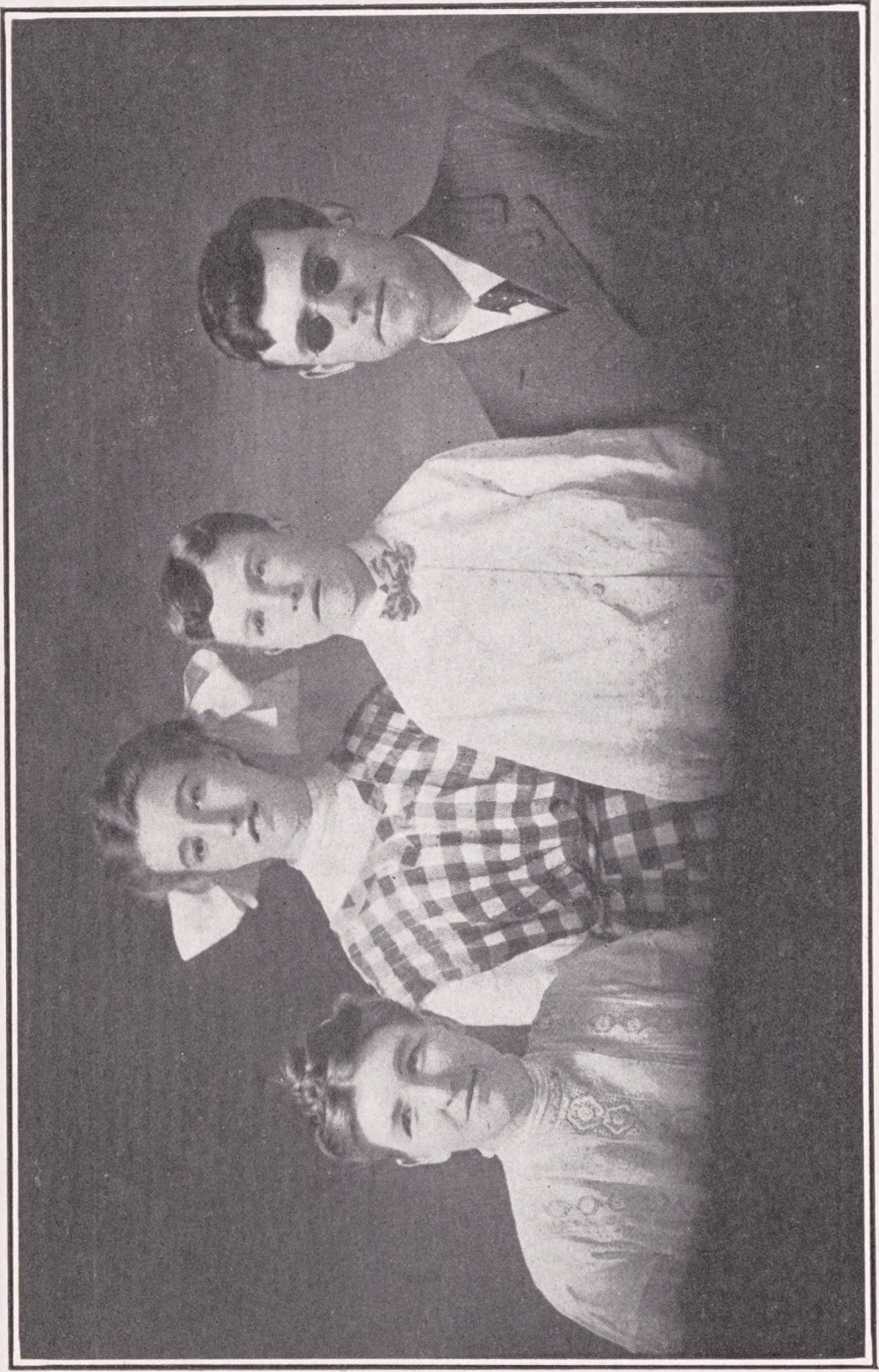


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THE BLIND

Under a mantle of darkness more inky than night
Where the bright, twinkling stars in unison combine,
With the sun's strongest rays of beautiful light
Never penetrate the mist surrounding the blind.

If you are equipped with life's great blessing
And many you meet are deprived of these,
Would your heart swell with pity, your hand be caressing
To those troubled souls, without light to appease?

—KOHK.

Could anyone imagine of a greater calamity, than to be cast from light with all its grandeur and benefits, into absolute darkness, with its great disadvantages to those battling with the many elements of humanity?

My good friends, picture yourself groping about without hope of ever seeing daylight again. Do you not think your mind would seek for some hope to comfort you in your great isolation?

It always seems natural to place self above every thing in life; this trait seems predominant with the whole human race.

Perhaps we, who are placed under great affliction, permit this trait of heredity to develop more than

those having the advantages of light to drive away this weakness.

It will be my aim to show those who pursue these lines, how the mind will endeavor to seek out some consolation when the body has been deprived of its greatest sense, that of seeing. To make this clear it will be necessary for me to use my own experience.

Standing one evening over a dangerous explosive, after the sun with all its beautiful tints reflecting against the bank of a few scattered clouds had passed from view.

Setting behind rolling hills covered with patches of timbers stripped of its foliage by the cold shrill blasts of winter's penetrating winds.

Then came a rumbling and hissing sound, while over the face and eyes came the awful burning sensation, cutting from view the now fast approaching twilight, which had permitted the stars to twinkle more brightly and the moonbeams to spread with a greater splendor. With these gifts of the Creator taken instantly from before me, and benumbed with terrible pain, my thoughts instantly went to God, while from the injured and bleeding lips came a whispered prayer.

About me were sounds of voices, keyed low in pity while tender hands ministered to the wounds to relieve the suffering inflicted by the accident. Occasionally my mind would be drawn to the voices that seemed to be hovering about in a mist, then

instantly it would revert to God, while the lips would plead for mercy. Like a flash, a great peace, a peace which passeth all understanding—yes, from somewhere had come the assurance, all is well.

No person could realize what a blessed comfort comes into your life until you have tasted of God's mercy.

Through the long months of convalescence, my soul would be drawn away from that comfort by the power that had ruled my life before this great misfortune had come upon me.

Then came a new light dawning brighter and brighter: Jesus the light of the world upon whom my hand could rest to guide me through the gray mist that had settled all about.

It seemed every obstacle possible would be placed before me, to prevent the Saviour from guiding my footsteps into the pathway leading from this misty darkness into the sunshine of promises in God's word from whose gold lined pages my mind had been directed for consolation during the long hours of inactivity.

Out of the abundance of this inspired word comes great promises to the blind who are patient and faithful.

The first gives us great anticipation if we permit ourselves to be led as the Lord led the great law-giver.

Ex. 4: 11. And the Lord said unto him, who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb,

or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord?

This shows we still belong to the Lord. In His great plan of salvation He has use for us all, even though it may seem our condition would make this impossible.

But wonderful is the power of the Lord as will be seen by reading John 9: 1-3.

And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

And His disciples asked him, saying, Master who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

Jesus answered, neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents; but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. Also verse 11.

He answered and said: A man that is called Jesus made clay, and annointed mine eyes, and said unto me, go to the pool of Siloam and wash; and I went and washed, and I received sight.

This shows us the unlimited power of the Lord. Jesus again demonstrated this power by healing two men. Mat. 20: 30-34.

And behold, two blind men sitting by the way-side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David.

And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace; but they cried the more

saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David.

And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you?

They say unto him, Lord that our eyes may be opened.

So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes; and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

Under all circumstances Jesus was ever ready to hear the pleadings of the afflicted. Again he healed where the people brought him a blind man, recorded in Mark 8: 22-23. And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.

And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.

Would anyone ever conceive of a greater gift than receiving physical vision after groping about in darkness with nature's beauties separated from them?

We have another record where Jesus, upon hearing the agonizing cry of one in darkness, given in Mark 10: 46-52.

And they came to Jericho; and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaens, the son of Timaens, sat by the highway side begging.

And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me.

And many charged him that he should hold his peace; but he cried the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me.

And Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort; arise, he calleth thee.

And he, casting away his garment, rose and came to Jesus.

And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord that I might receive my sight.

And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

This reference shows it requires faith in God to have the eyes restored.

We find by reading Lev. 19 : 14 that no stumbling block shall be placed before the blind.

Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shalt fear thy God : I am the Lord.

The following reference bears out this one. Job. 29 : 15.

I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.

As Jesus healed the physical defects of the blind during his sojourn here, it now behooves those placed under the same affliction to look forward to his second advent for their eyes to be opened.

In the ministry of the sanctuary we find recorded the following: Lev. 21, 18.

For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose, or anything superfluous.

This shows that all who minister before God, must be made perfect physically as well as spiritually.

We now come to the most beautiful promise. Isa. 35: 5.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. This takes place when the Lord shall come in all his glory, and sin and affliction shall be wiped away forever. Isa. 29: 18, gives us further assurance of this. And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.

This same prophet gives us another promise by saying, Behold the former things are come to pass, (the first advent of Christ) and the new things do I declare: (must surely mean his second coming).

This promise is found in Isa. 42: 7.

To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoner from the prison and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

Now with all these blessed prospects before us, if we only are obedient to do the will of the Master; our affliction does not seem very great after all.

There is another phase to this subject not well to neglect.

We always find a counterfeit for that which is good, for those who do evil and love iniquity rather than righteousness suffer under this great affliction. Acts 13: 11. And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

Now Judges 16: 21 adds more proof.

But the Phillistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house. Also verse 26.

And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them.

Verse 30. And Samson said, Let me die with the Phillistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.

This shows the fate of the strongest man the world ever knew, who had ignored the voice of the

Lord, and given information to his enemies that had been commanded to be kept secret.

Another reference shows where afflicted ones were placed in the way as a hindrance. II Samuel 5, 6. And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land; which spake unto David saying, Except thou take away the blind, and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither; thinking, David cannot come in hither. Also verse 8.

And David said on that day, Whosoever getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind, that are hated of David's soul, he shall be chief and captain. Wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.

We find that those who encourage helpless humanity shall be recompensed for their kindness at the resurrection of the just. Luke 14: 13-14.

But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee; for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

It has been my aim in attempting this book to direct the gaze of the reader to the great source of life.

Perhaps in reading its contents you may glean a little light from the great abundance given for all who wish to come out under its strong rays.

You can do a great service by investing in this

small volume and by encouraging your friends to do likewise.

No one can realize the encouragement it is for one to be earning an honorable living. Think of the hours of idleness in darkness forced upon you, if you were deprived of the privilege of an occupation.

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CHAPTER I.

GREAT CONTRAST.

The sun began peeping between thick, heavy columns of earthen dust being lifted up from the broad plains near the base of Klinghan Mountains.

For the past week a terrific wind had smote the earth's surface, rebounding into the atmosphere, carrying with it thick clouds of rich, brown soil; hiding from view the strong, bright rays of sunlight by day, and the beautiful silvery moonbeams by night. As the wind began to subside, the dust again fell to the earth covering everything with a dark, brown covering, giving them an unnatural appearance.

The season was winter, but very little snow could be seen except high on the mountain tops.

And now as the sun became more discernable this contrasted wonderfully, standing far beyond the range of raging elements.

The venerable peaks capped in snowy whiteness, kissed by the day king's generous smile seemed away in another world; and yet, far up beyond the habitation of man, tempest had raged and smitten

the cold, hard surface, but it had stood through the ages, never changing except as the seasons changed, to add to its white blanket covering, or to melt snow-capped tops into crystal streams as it rushed away to the ocean, making a gurgling sound, as if telling the story of its captivity far up in the clear, pure atmosphere where the dust storms had never reached to mar its beauty.

With longing, the eyes could look upon these undefiled scenes far away in the distance; while about was the thick veil which had been skimmed off of the lower plains where the dust clouds were fast settling upon villages, surrounded by windbreaks, constructed from maize stalks.

Oftentimes high earthen embankments would be thrown up about them giving them the appearance of fortifications.

The broad plain spreading away from the mountains was sparsely timbered, there only being clumps here and there to mark the location of these villages.

Occasional groups of evergreens dotted little knolls which marked ancestral burial plots held sacred to the inhabitants of this region. These were usually located near highways, some of which were thrown up embankments, connecting the villages with cities, surrounded by high walls built from large brick, being manufactured of clay taken from beneath the soil near by where the walls had been constructed.

Contrasting with these raised highways would be sunken roads, some of them varying from twenty-five to thirty feet, trodden down by centuries of traffic below the natural contour. These highways were generally laid out in zig-zag direction, never taking a direct route from one place to another—this system being employed by minds dwelling under the highest state of superstition.

Out on the plains about twelve leagues from the foot of the mountains spoken of before, stood the capital city, into which all the highways for scores of leagues about it led. Here was located the seat of the greatest despotic government the world ever knew. And it was little wonder these contrasted highways of superstition here terminated.

Perhaps no city in the world ever held such a mixed concourse as that encamped behind the four walls of this city of the plains. And today as the dust settled upon the artificial boundaries and upon the artifices of man contained therein, representatives from every quarter of the globe could have looked through the veil of dust to the pure, white mountains beyond which was evident proof of things divine.

The power that guided those proclaiming the great message given centuries before by the Light of the World had been drawn hither. But the opposing element that had been attempting to overshadow this Light with the dust storms of ages had drawn his forces from every quarter of the globe,

whose eyes were easily blinded and stood ready to obey the command of the author of confusion. As the gale had apparently spent its fury, the sun shone out in its fullness on neat rows of once white tents, but now covered with a mantle of darkness. About them were green cedars symmetrically arranged. These handsome green trees and rows of tents were divided into compounds by high walls of peculiar type, being covered with tiled roofing upon whose oriental pattern were seen the output of fantastic artists.

Rows of animals, moulded from clay and glazed into hues, causing one to stop in admiration, decorated these walls and gateways leading from one compound to another. In smaller enclosures were several large temples dedicated to the use of the great despotic ruler. These were designed for sacrificial purposes; and before them large open air altars had been constructed, surrounded by fancy chiseled marble railings with four approaches from east, west, north and south.

Near the western approach stood a marble sundial, to mark the hour when the ruler of the heavenly dynasty should approach to burn incense, that his people might be blessed with a rich harvest for the season. These grounds and temples were considered sacred and any subject encroaching therein was never permitted to leave its borders alive.

But alas! the time had come when this system of oligarchy must be broken, and at this period, the sacred temples contained the headquarters of a foreign foe which it seemed would have caused the ornamental decorations on the picturesque roofs to flee in terror at such sacrilege. The tents on this sacred ground were occupied by stalwart men in armament of modern design.

Near the south wall encircling the whole park stood a neat little temple located in a small compound. From this enclosure was the main entrance into the "Temple of Earth Park," over whose gateway was a small pagoda decorated with glazed ornaments and having a rich, yellow glazed roof, giving it a stately bearing. The small temple just inside this first compound had taken on a new aspect, and as the large sally port had been temporarily enclosed, the temple was now used as quarters for a company of soldiers.

Facing the east was an improvised doorway and through this emerged two men. In physique they contrasted nearly as greatly as the snow white mountain and the dust laden plain. The one with his stature slightly above middle height with a development showing careful training in physical culture. Upon the shoulders rested a well shaped head, with a broad, good-natured face, well to look upon, a pair of brown eyes over which drooped long dark lashes giving them a half dreamy expression, above the nose heavy eyebrows met and the head was

wreathed in a wealth of dark brown hair neatly cropped. This stalwart figure was clad in a neat fitting uniform with chevrons on the sleeves denoting the rank of an under officer of an army.

His companion was slender with almost delicate frame, his face was long and narrow and the dark almond shaped eyes were void of lashes, having been removed by the tonsorial artist. Two small patches of fuzzy hair marked the wrinkled brows and the head was shaven smooth back to the crown, where a patch of coarse black hair was permitted to grow its full length, this being braided and extending down his back. His garb was odd; the coat, reaching almost to the ground, was made of fine black cloth, the inside being lined with fur. His shoes were also made of cloth and the soles being woven of heavier texture gave scarcely any sound as he glided by the side of his companion, whose heavy leather soles came down with a thud as he strode along with his quick, military step.

The soldier drawing on his hands a pair of buckskin gauntlets, the smaller man by his side glanced at them for an instant, then his gaze was diverted to his own slender hands without covering, his bright, keen eyes seeming to rest upon the little finger of his left hand whose nail was permitted to grow until it extended far out beyond the finger tip. Upon this much care had apparently been given, as it was in a polished condition and the edge was stained with some dark brown fluid. About his

neck hung a long string of amber beads, divided into sections by pieces of milky colored jade, and decorated with loops of black silk ribbon; this dangled to and fro as he lengthened out his steps to keep pace with his taller companion.

They pass through a gateway into a larger compound containing many large, temporary stables, built to shelter the well developed horses being brought out and tethered to a picket line, the wind having ceased blowing and the sun now shining in its fullness.

The smaller man who was addressing his companion spoke in English with a slight accent, although his language showed his education had not been neglected. "Sergeant, he said, "you Americans seem to care so well for your animals; you apparently give them as much attention as you do yourselves."

"Well, Wing, I am sure you will acknowledge they show this care and attention. You can visit the camps of all the allies in the city and not find any finer beasts than these picketed out here. You have spoken to me before of the state of development our troops have attained. This has been accomplished by care and training. The animals receive a similar training, bringing them up to this standard."

They follow the driveway leading by a large open air altar decorated with fine, chiseled marble. About it was encamped a field battery with guns arranged

in line parallel with the altar. Along the end was a double row of tents, while farther back under the boughs of green cedar was a line of large heavy draught horses, used in manipulating the bright, modern guns before them.

The dust, which had settled about the camp, was being removed by healthy looking men full of life. They stop for an instant to take in the scene; Wing spoke in a low tone of admiration, "Sergeant, you are a wonderful race, how different from us. The God whom you worship seems to smile down upon your people with favor, you believe only in one God, and I have begun to think he showers more blessings upon your race than all the gods our temples contain.

"Look you at my people, plague stricken, groping about in superstition, extremely fanatic, attempting to drive from our land the only salvation left us.

"The one hope your missionaries speak of, and yet look you, Sergeant, you are divided; one says, this way; one says, that way; one says, another way, and many others point out to you the only road to salvation. Will you please explain to me why there are so many roads which lead to one salvation? Why, they are nearly as numerous as the highways leading into our capital city."

A troubled expression came over the face of Robert Stanley. A slight moisture seemed to gather about the brown eyes, and the mouth lost the little tender smile which constantly hovered about it.

"Wing," he said in a deep, clear voice, "you have just cause for your doubt; I have been troubled for many weeks; such confusion should not exist amongst the true followers of Jesus.

"As a child, I was taught to put my full trust in a true and living God. As my development reached the youthful stage my faith weakened to such an extent that it seemed to me, like yourself, there was too much confusion.

"When the development had grown to manhood I experienced the same doubt you are manifesting now. One day as I looked upon a large body of troops parading at an encampment, my enthusiasm became so great, that my services were offered, were accepted, and in less than a day I became a constant violator of the great decalogue, which was spoken from the mountain top in thunderous tones, and was written by the finger of God, upon two tablets of stone from which it was never meant to be erased.

"This light was never given me until after the siege of my belligerent kinsmen had been raised in your city, and since then I have been sorely troubled. I have told you before of my experience with the Sunlight Mission.

"They seem so different from the other missions located just beyond the Legations. Yesterday, while walking along Chen street I met their leader, Elder Wood, and he secured a promise from me to take a few Bible readings.

"We are to begin our first study this evening in my quarters. I would certainly be pleased to have you there as this man seems to have the whole Bible imprinted in his mind. In all my travels I have never met a greater Biblical student.

"He and I have become warm friends ever since the day my platoon and I saved his little mission station, several months ago."

An eager expression came over Wing's face as he said, "Nothing would please me better. I have read your Bible very much and sometimes find portions of it which interest me greatly; then again there are so many passages I can get no understanding from."

They were again walking along the driveway and were now passing by some ragged looking tents occupied by a number of Wing's fellow countrymen, who acted as laborers and servants about the camps.

Sergeant Stanley eyed these keenly as they walked by and turning to his companion asked, "Why is it these men have such expressionless faces?"

"They are our lowest types," said Wing, "born into this element; our system never permits them to attain to things higher. This grade of society cannot receive an education, they are born into servitude of the lowest type; in this they must remain no matter what talents are hidden away, they are never permitted to develop."

After rambling about an hour or more they returned to the small temple in the compound just inside the entrance where they separated, Wing going through the gate and passing down the street to the residence of his uncle with whom he lived.

Sergeant Stanley entered his small quarters to work upon some papers which occupied several hours.

As the shades of evening drew on, his visitor arrived, a pleasant looking man of medium height, very plainly dressed, and without any jewelry to decorate his person. He greeted Stanley with a warm, hearty handclasp and the two sat down to converse on different topics.

Wing arrived a short time later, and with several of Stanley's comrades, who had become interested, they prepared for their study. Elder Wood asked if they had any Bibles among them, and a smile spread over his face as they glanced at one another in surprise. He had expected this, and having come prepared for emergency, he handed them three Bibles.

The Elder then said, "Let us pray." Stanley being the only one to bow upon his knees with him, the others sat staring at them. A thrill seemed to circulate through the little plainly furnished quarters, as this man of God offered up his supplications on high. With a strong, earnest voice he called upon his Maker to bless him in his efforts to

deliver the message he had been chosen to present to those willing to hear. His prayer was short and to the point, averting any vain repetition, and as he asked for the presence of the Holy Spirit, a tremor shook Stanley's frame, and Wing, who sat next to where he was kneeling, seemed slightly agitated; the other men glanced at one another with concerned looks, heaving a sigh of relief as the "Amen" was pronounced.

Then taking up his Bible the Elder began: "We believe this book is the Word of God, and the prophets were inspired teaching as God directed them; therefore, it must be accepted from Genesis to Revelations.

"We believe that all who have faith, that the scriptures can be revealed for our admonition preparing us for a life eternal through Christ Jesus. The subject I thought best to study this evening is, the Word of God."

"Let there be light," the Creator said,
From on high the mighty words were spoken;
Which made waves of light far out to spread,
Giving to humanity a blessed token.

Through the firmament, shone tints of white and red
Followed closely by the day king's strongest rays,
In harmony the wonderful light was shed,
Driving away shadows into silvery sprays.

Out of the earth came fruit and grain
Nourished by the sunlight's tender beams,

Flowers burst forth on a golden chain
Interwoven in clusters by the crystal streams.

Now the light was given for all to enjoy,
Even birds of the air sing praises to its gleam,
Ofttimes a power comes trying to destroy
The light of the world on Calvary's scene.

—KOHHR.

I will endeavor to ask you questions and let you read the answers from God's Word. First, I will ask you how all scripture is given?

The answer will be found in 2 Timothy the 3rd chapter and the 16th verse.

They turned to this text and read, All scripture is given by inspiration of God.

Do you think the prophets had any choice in the words they spoke?

You will please turn to 2 Peter 1: 21. "Yes," replied the Elder, "for the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

Now we will turn to Heb. 1: 1 and see who spake by the mouth of these prophets.

God spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets.

Do you think there was any other person God spake through?

We will read Heb. 1: 1 and 2. God hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son.

Did Christ confess God was speaking by him?

Turn to John 12: 49. I have not spoken of myself but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment what I should say and what I should speak.

My good friends you can see by this text that Jesus Christ was obedient to the command of our Heavenly Father. The men all seemed interested, especially Stanley and Wing, who read the text again and again, asking questions, which were readily answered by Elder Wood.

About the time Christ left this earth of what did he assure his Father?

Turn to John 17: 8. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me and they have received them and have known surely that I came out from thee and they have believed that thou didst send me.

Also read verse 14 of the same chapter and you will see they hated the word our Heavenly Father had given through his son, who had taken on humanity to reveal his will.

But then it is well to take Christ's own words: for this we will turn to John 5: 46, 47. Had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

Now I wish you to read of the words uttered by Christ showing his displeasure when we refuse to believe everything spoken by the prophets, found in Luke 24: 25.

He said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken.

There are many things the prophets foretold dictated by the Spirit of Christ. 1 Peter 1: 10,11. Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you searching what or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify when it testified beforehand the suffering of Christ and the glory that should follow.

You can see by this that Christ knew what his sufferings would be before taking on humanity as told by the prophets, and it is by faith we believe the writings of him through the infallible Truth of God.

Whose writings did God direct the minds of the people to for information concerning himself? Just turn to Luke 24: 27.

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. The Elder glanced at Stanley whose face had taken on an earnest expression and directed his comments to him.

So you see Christ would establish our faith in his Messiahship.

Now let us turn to Heb. 4: 12, and see what the nature of God's word is.

The Word of God is quick and powerful. I would like to show you by what means God created the Heavens.

Please turn with me to Ps. 33: 6. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

Well, how do you think this was accomplished?

As no one answered he directed them to Ps. 33: 9. He spoke and it was done, he commanded and it stood fast.

"Well," spoke up Stanley in an earnest voice, "this is indeed a wonderful lesson, and it is not surprising either, that God could create by speaking; it shows our dependence upon the Divine Power, for we, in our weakness can create nothing."

Wood spoke up saying, "Your are correct, Stanley, God creating by the word gives us a lesson that we can apply things created to our own wants, but man with all his ingenuity can never create one iota."

To illustrate this wonderful power of God we will turn to Gen. 1: 3, 6, 7, 9.

God said, Let there be light, and there was light.

And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

And God made the firmament and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so.

And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be gathered unto one place, and let the dry land appear; and it was so.

How are we to understand this wonderful manifestation of power?

We will turn to Heb. 11: 3 and read, Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

"So you see my friends we know these things by faith."

Wing now spoke. "Elder, why is it you leave your own country where there are so many thousands who do not believe as you do, and come out on foreign soil to propound your doctrine?"

"I would think, sir, you could do well to convert your own people first."

Wood looked into his face, a pleasant smile hovering about his lips and then opening his Bible to Mark 16: 15, he said, "Let me read you something here."

Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

"Mr. Wing," he said, "we hear this same question at home, as well as here in a foreign land. You can see by this text that the Lord makes it very plain for us to preach the Truth all over the world, not only in one place but everywhere. In our country there is no excuse for anyone; the people are educated, they can read and study God's word if they so desire.

"What excuse have these kinsmen of mine to offer who will not accept the gospel?"

"But in your country it is different; there are millions here of your kinsmen who have never heard of the truth which God has given for every kindred, nation and tongue. After they have heard the message and then they refuse to accept it, there is no more excuse for them, but if they have not heard of it, it is our duty to proclaim it."

As Wing had nothing more to say on this they proceeded with their study.

I want to ask, was God alone in the work of creation?

We might read Gen. 1: 26 and see. And God said, Let us make man in our image after our likeness.

So there were two persons in creation, and man was made in the likeness of these.

What name is Christ called? Turn to Rev. 19: 13. His name is called the Word of God.

This Word must have been with God in the beginning, as the following text shows: John 1: 1. In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. To make it plain that this refers to Christ we will read verse 14 of the same chapter. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we behold his glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth.

"Stanley, do you think Christ was with our Heavenly Father before coming to this earth?"

The Sergeant seemed so interested, that Elder

Wood could not refrain from asking him these pointed questions.

Stanley acknowledged his ignorance of the Bible, so they all turned to John 17: 5 and Stanley read.

And now O, Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

The following text shows that Christ who dwelt on earth, in the flesh, had a part in creation.

Please turn to John 1: 3. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.

Then read Col. 1: 16. Jesus acted in harmony with the Father in creating. Heb. 1: 1-2.

God hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, who he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds. All wisdom and knowledge being hidden in Christ gives him the title of the Word of God. Col. 2: 3.

Thus you see Christ acts as a medium between created beings and God. When Christ took on humanity he taught as one having authority. Mat. 7: 29.

To show you the power of Christ on earth I will refer you to Mark 4: 39.

He arose, and rebuked the wind and said unto the sea, Peace, be still, and the wind ceased and there was great calm. This text says even the wind and the waves obey him, so surely we must too.

Elder Wood then showed them texts where Christ raised the dead. Luke 7: 14-15; also John 11: 43, 44, manifesting obedience to his voice.

Will the endurance of man stand like the Word of God? Turn to Isa. 40: 6, 8.

All flesh is grass and all the goodness thereof is as the flowers of the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the Word of our God shall stand forever.

What peculiarity did Christ say his words possessed? Let us read John 6: 63.

The words that I speak unto you they are spirit and they are life.

There must be a great change take place in you, my friends, before you can enter the Kingdom of God. Let us turn to John 3: 3 and see. Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.

This brought to Stanley's mind the words spoken to Wing a short time before, as they were watching the artillery men in their camp. Oh, how he wished he could be brought back to that childish trust he once possessed, and with this longing renewed in his mind the Elder asked him to read this verse, 1 Peter 23, 25.

Being born again not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. Also read James 1: 18.

"You must give up the things of this world," said Wood, and asked Wing to read Rom. 12: 2; also Eph. 4: 23.

Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind. As he finished reading he looked at the Elder thoughtfully and said, "If my mind can be renewed into the spirit of Christ, I would virtually be born again, would I not?"

Wood nodded assent. "Your heart will be made new," he said, and in 1 Peter 2, 2, this is called the new man or new born babe.

Now by reading Eph. 4: 24, we will see in whose image this new man is created.

Put on the new man, after which God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Also read Col. 3: 9-10.

I will endeavor to show you change must be made in man before he can enter the Kingdom of God. Just turn to Rom. 8: 7.

Because the carnal (natural) mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither can be.

It is necessary to have another mind. Phil. 2: 15 shows this plainly.

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

Do you think Christ was satisfied to do the will of God? We will read Ps. 40: 8, and see. I delight

to do thy will, O my God, yea, thy law is within my heart.

Wood then read the following from Heb. 8: 10: I will put my laws into their mind and write them in their hearts.

Have you this law written in your hearts?

Kind friends you do not realize what a dangerous position you are in. Jesus is daily calling to you. Do you love the law? Ps. 119, 97. Oh, how I love thy law; it is my meditation all the day.

Wood arose and closing his Bible, said, "This evening's study has given me great pleasure, and my prayer is that all may in some way be benefited by it. I would like you all to come over to the Mission tomorrow evening. We expect to have a study on the State of the Dead. He and Wing then left the quarters after bidding them good night.

As Robert Stanley lay on his bunk that night, his mind was more sorely troubled than ever before in his life.

He had often spoken to Wood about the commandments; and Thou shalt not kill seemed constantly before his eyes. Yes, he thought, a soldier is surely a violator of God's law.

CHAPTER II.

THE SUNLIGHT MISSION.

As Elder Wood and Wing left the quarters they passed through the main gateway of the park, out onto the street, which was quite dark, being lighted only by kerosene lamps suspended on posts scattered here and there, affording very poor light to pedestrians who chanced to be out at night.

As it was growing late, the streets were almost deserted. They could hear the cries of the city watchmen as they walked over their beats, uttering loud shouts to frighten away the evil spirits that might be hovering about under the covering of darkness. After going some distance, they were halted by a sentry patrolling the thoroughfare; upon presenting their passes they were permitted to move on.

As they reached the cross street, Wing left the Elder to proceed to the home of his uncle located several blocks down this street.

The Elder continued on alone passing through a double gateway in a high wall dividing the city in two parts.

In front of him stood the emperor's palace, now deserted, the occupants having fled to a city farther inland at the approach of the allied forces.

At Legation street he turned down, meeting again sentries of different nationalities and as he presented the pass written in the different languages, he was permitted to go on without further trouble.

What a wonderful change had taken place in this city in the last few months, he thought; here were men walking to and fro, who less than six months before were in their own home countries thousands of miles away. What a golden opportunity this could be for spreading the wonderful message of truth that thrilled his whole being.

And yet, how could he reach these elements of confusion drawn here by the prince of darkness to overshadow the Light which had made its way into this land of darkness. As he came to a gray, brick structure he went in through the double door; over this was written in large, plain letters, "Sunlight Mission." Going through a wide hallway he entered a door on his left into a plainly furnished room where sat a woman by a bright, blazing fire, who arose and greeting him with a pleasant smile, helped him to remove his overcoat. "John," she exclaimed, "I am so glad you have returned," and drawing a chair for him close to the fire, she took her place by his side.

Seated at a small table reading from a volume by the light of a kerosene lamp sat a younger woman, who straightened up and smiled at the Elder, who returned the recognition with a nod and tender smile, and turning to his wife said, "Mary, I sup-

pose the children are in bed." After an answer in the affirmative the three began talking over the events of the day and evening.

The Sunlight Mission had been established in this location by Elder Wood about two years before this date.

It was a mission representing perhaps the smallest denomination of any Christian sect in the world, whose doctrine had caused the criticism of all other denominations, some even went so far as to say they were opposed to all Christendom; but wonderful to say, with much opposition from every quarter, they moved steadily forward and their missionaries were slowly advancing to every country under the sun.

At the call of the Master, the Elder and his wife had turned from the world, taken up their cross and followed, being led to this spot, with their two children, a boy and a girl aged ten and twelve years, who were beginning to be a great help in missionary work. Being young they had very easily learned the native language and were able to spread the gospel in this way to the younger people with whom they came in contact. Elder Wood's sister, Margaret, assisted them in teaching those who would be interested in the Truth through the silent messengers printed in the form of tracts in the native language and circulated wherever it was possible to do so.

They all worked faithfully together and the first year after the mission had been established, their efforts were crowned with great success.

They took no credit upon themselves, but were humbled and submissive to the will of the Father, teaching Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life, the cornerstone of salvation.

Then came troublesome times, the movement of the inhabitants of this great empire against the foreigners, but they went faithfully on trusting always in Him who knoweth and doeth all things well.

As the persecutions became more and more frequent their native converts moved in and about the mission.

The building stood inside the line of Legation defense and when the outbreak came, they barricaded their doors and gateways, taking no part in the armed defense, leaning only on the Lord for help.

The other missions settled about here had ignored them so they remained in their little station, isolated as though "plague stricken."

When shell and shot would go shrieking over their heads, little William and Dorris would run to their father's side trembling and frightened; taking them in his arms he would direct their minds to Him who said, Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven.

The Elder, wife and sister were kept busy among their number cheering them up under this great

trial, some of them being found moaning and trembling in fear.

Sometimes it required hours of prayer and comforting words to dispel the fears of the newly made converts.

Careful as they were with the food supply it began to run low; lighter became the rations until for days they subsisted on a small piece of bread, but how thankful they were for the blessing of plenty of good, fresh water secured from a well in the back grounds of the mission.

At last the bread supply gave out, and for hours the children would cry for food to appease their awful hunger, but as there was no food to be had they reverted to the green leaves taken from the shade trees around this building.

It began to look as though the contending elements of darkness would overcome them. The line of defence was forced backward until they could hear the shouts and cries of the fanatic mob just beyond the mission wall. Day after day it came nearer until they could hear the loud talking and jangling a short distance from their front entrance.

Elder Wood realized he must trust altogether in Divine Providence, and as he could now hear the infuriated mob beating against the front gate, he gathered the little company in the service room of the main building where they all knelt in prayer.

At this juncture a new sound greeted their ears; they could hear the clatter of horses' hoofs on the

hard street, cries of alarm from the mob outside, the rapid retreat of many feet, then a command in a loud, clear voice, and the rattle of sabers as the animals' hoofs ceased beating on the ground.

Next came a loud rapping on the front gate, intermingled with a voice calling, "Hello, in there." Wood quickly removed the barricades from the door followed by the family, who waited eagerly on the steps as he hastened down the short walk to the high gates of heavy wooden doors, fastened with a crossbar. Releasing this the doors swung open.

Before him holding the reins of his animal stood the figure of Sergeant Robert Stanley, whom we have before described. His face was covered with dust and perspiration, his uniform soiled from the weeks of hard campaigning, his one legging had been slit open at the top; but as the little company looked through the opening they saw the answer to their petition. 'The Lord had delivered them from what seemed almost inevitable destruction, by using miraculous power.

As Stanley noted their hunger-worn faces, he directed the Elder to commissary headquarters where an appeal could be made for food.

Then turning away he mounted his steed and rode with his platoon after the fleeing Boxers.

Wood could not forget the face of the man who had been sent to deliver them from probable massacre by the fanatic natives attempting to drive out what they termed the foreign devils.

Sometime later as he was walking along the street he met the Sergeant and making himself known he invited Stanley to visit at his home.

The invitation was accepted and in this manner he soon became close friends with the Wood family and those about the mission. He and the Elder would discuss the Bible at different times, but it seemed something always came in the way to prevent Bible studies with the soldier, until arrangements were made to give the readings in the quarters.

"Well, Mary," he said, "I actually believe that soldier Stanley and his Chinese friend, Mr. Wing, are becoming interested in the Truth. There seems to be something troubling the Sergeant's mind. I have often talked to him about the commandments, and tonight he appeared very much concerned."

Margaret Wood had again leaned over her book pursuing the lines as her brother commented on their friend Stanley.

As the hour was growing late a chapter was read from Joshua, then kneeling before their Maker they offered up their thanks for the care and blessings of another day, afterward retiring to their beds, they enjoyed the sleep which comes to all who labor earnestly for the Master.

At the first tints of dawn they were up busying themselves about the duties of the mission. After the children had arisen the whole family gathered before the comfortable fire in the sitting room to

read another chapter from God's word, and also bow on their knees to praise God for the care, blessed sleep and rest, that gave them strength to go forward in His service another day.

After returning thanks and partaking of the food prepared before them, they separated for their different tasks—Margaret to teach the Mission School, Mary Wood to teach the women converts and the Elder to teach and instruct the male department and send out his colporters. This was the daily routine in the mission.

They often held public Bible readings in the little chapel. It was to one of these the invitation had been given to Stanley and Wing to attend.

As it began to grow dusk, the Sergeant arrived and was shown into the sitting room where he was joined by the Elder. They had scarcely seated themselves when Wing put in his appearance.

"Elder," spoke Stanley, "I came early thinking I might have an opportunity to ask some questions about the Bible and about the commandments of God you lay so much stress upon.

"Now, according to your doctrine, this moral law stands as binding today as when God first gave it. This does not harmonize with my earlier teachings. We were taught to believe all laws given by the prophets were fulfilled in the coming of the Saviour. If it is as you teach, I am a constant violator of God's law, for how could any conscientious man stand ready to take the life of another, and be a

true follower of Jesus? I understand in taking life under any provocation would be violating the sixth commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill.'

Wing who was listening spoke up: "But listen, Sergeant, if you are preforming a service for humanity's sake in lifting oppression from those bound by the yokes of evil, don't you think you would be justified in such action?"

"We learn by the Bible, the Elder here uses for his own reproof, that blood was shed in overcoming the enemies of God's chosen people.

"These children of Israel were in battles where thousands were slain. Why then should you be a violater of God's law, if they were not violating the same law?"

"That is just what puzzles me," spoke Stanley, and they both looked to the Elder for an answer.

Since the fall in the garden of Eden, said Wood, there has been a great controversy in this world.

It began first in Heaven with rebellion against God's perfect government; this same rebellion is prevalent here on earth.

We find a good description of this power in John 8:44.

Ye are of your father the devil and the lusts of your father's ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own for he is a liar, and the father of it.

You see this reference speaks of those who are controlled by this power of darkness.

When the chosen people of God were brought face to face with this element, God cleared away the sin from their pathway under what we understand as the ceremonial law. If you make a close study of this code, you will find God's people offered sacrifices, performing ceremonies to keep their eyes upon the God of Israel; but when sin crept in amongst this chosen people they were to be governed by the great decalogue given from Sinai.

But the coming of the Messiah who had first been promised in Genesis was believed in by the patriarchs and prophets, the Mosaic law having been overshadowed by tradition to such an extent it was burdensome.

Jesus established the law of liberty teaching the Jews their errors in the temple. I will read John 8: 5. Now, Moses in the law commanded us that such should be stoned; but what sayest thou? This reference comes under the law of Moses or ceremonial law.

You can see what the punishment was for violating the seventh commandment, Thou shalt not commit adultery.

We might read John 8: 11.

She said, No man, Lord, and Jesus said unto her, neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more.

This shows the plan of redemption Jesus established.

Now, do you think because he told her to go and sin no more that it excused her from the seventh commandment?

No, my friends, this made it certain that the same law she had violated was now magnified to keep her from committing that sin again.

We might read Mat. 5: 28.

But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

So this reference shows how Jesus regards the seventh commandment.

Now, Sergeant Stanley I do not believe any man, whether in an army or out of an army, is justified in taking life. Now, the sixth commandment reads, Thou shalt not kill.

I want to read you Mat. 5: 39.

But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Those who wish to be followers of Jesus must obey the commandments.

It is quite plain to me that any person after being conscious of this Truth, could never advocate wars or taking of life under any circumstance to be obeying the voice of the Master.

"How about punishment for crime, for instance, murder?" asked Stanley.

No true child of God could advocate capital punishment, said Wood. You see, Sergeant, as God

presents the light to you, you must walk in it, trusting Him to clear away whatever entanglements the enemy of truth has placed in your pathway.

Daniel is a wonderful example for us to follow; under all oppositions and facing death he stood by his convictions.

If it is agreeable to you sometime in the future, I would like to give you a reading on the two laws; this would no doubt clear up many things in your mind.

Mrs. Wood and Margaret entered the room greeting the two men in a friendly manner. As it was now time for Bible study in the chapel, they left the sitting room, going through a large double door at the end of the hall into the brightly lighted chapel, where rows of wooden benches were almost filled with people, mostly Chinese; some having been drawn here through curiosity, others had heard of the wonderful message taught here and wanted to know more of the God who loves all.

Seated at an organ was a native girl about eighteen or twenty years of age. She had become a convert when the mission was first established, and through the untiring efforts of Margaret Wood, had become qualified to play for these services. Her small fingers touched the keys lightly as she practiced over several songs for the evening worship.

The song books were passed out among the congregation, the Elder took his place on the rostrum and all was in readiness to begin. Wing and Stan-

ley sat down near the front to catch all the Elder would say.

The services were opened by song followed by prayer by one of the men in native tongue; the subject then taken up was, The State of the Dead.

The Elder spoke. Perhaps there is no more interesting subject to the human family than to know how we are created, and what our condition is after life has left the body and we are dead.

He ceased speaking for an instant and after looking around, called an intelligent looking Chinaman forward, who arose with Bible in hand and interpreted the texts in the native language after they had been given in English.

Of what did God make man? asked Elder Wood. Let us open our Bibles and turn to Gen. 3: 19. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till thou return unto the ground for out it wast thou taken, for dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return.

Now let us read Gen. 2: 7, and see what was given man that he might live.

And the Lord formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul.

Now we will see what becomes of this spirit at death. Turn to Eccl. 12: 7.

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Wing seemed puzzled and sat looking at Stanley who was deeply absorbed in the study.

How different this contrasted from the teaching of his own people, who believed the spirits of the departed ones were continually hovering about them and must be appeased. This brought a picture before him of his mother's death, of the priest chanting prayers and saying mass for her soul, and the father and other relatives offering clothing, paper money and food to her spirit.

Then there was that awful scene at the burial grounds, fireworks were exploded to keep off the evil spirits, mingled with the despairing cries of his relatives.

His mind was suddenly drawn away from this scene by the Elder as he asked, Do you think spirit and breath are the same?

We will turn to James 2: 26. Mr. Wing will you please read this?

The voice of the Chinaman trembled slightly as he read.

For as the body without the spirit is dead so faith without works is dead also.

The margin of my Bible reads spirit (or breath) so we understand that both have the same Biblical meaning.

Do you suppose there is any knowledge of God after this separation? We will read Ps. 6: 4-5.

Return, O Lord, deliver my soul, Oh save me for thy mercy's sake.

For in death there is no remembrance of thee; in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

Do those that died righteous praise God? Read Ps. 115: 17.

The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence.

In reading Isa. 38: 19, we find somebody that can praise God.

The living, the living, he shall praise thee as I do this day, the father to the children shall make known his truths.

Now let us see why the dead cannot praise the Lord. Ps. 146: 34.

Put not your trust in princes nor in the son of man in whom there is no help.

His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth, in that very day his thoughts perish.

It is quite reasonable to believe, with our thoughts gone we cannot praise God.

In the fifth verse of the ninth chapter of Eccl., we find something more about the dead.

For the living know that they shall die; but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

Some of the Chinese in the back part of the room glanced at each other uneasily as their countryman Wing asked, Do you not think the dead can in any way communicate with the living?

The Elder repeated Eccl. 9: 5, also the sixth verse. Also their love and their hatred and their envy is now perished; neither have they any more a portion forever in anything that is done under the sun.

You see their envy and love now perished and not taking part in anything that is done, why, of course they cannot commune with the living.

By Job 14: 21, we find they do not know what is transpiring on earth.

His sons came to honor and he knoweth it not, and they were brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them.

Now this man was dead, his sons came to pay their respects to the lifeless body but the father knew nothing about it.

Ps. 13: 3 and John 11: 11-14 compare death to a sleep. We might turn to it and read.

Consider and hear me, O Lord my God, lighten mine eyes; lest I sleep the sleep of death. These things, said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go that I may awake him out of sleep.

Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep he shall do well.

Howbeit Jesus spake of his death, but they thought that he spoke of taking a rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

We will now see what is said of the prophet David. Turn to Acts 13: 36 and read what became of him.

For David after he had served his own generation, by the will of God, fell on sleep and was laid unto his fathers and saw corruption.

Then would you think from this that David was in Heaven? Read Acts 2: 34, this answers it rather plainly.

For David is not ascended into the heavens, but he saith himself, the Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand.

Then where do you suppose he is? We will read verse 29 of the same chapter and see.

Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

The Elder glanced over the assembly to note the effects of his reading. He knew well it would be difficult for some present to understand the full meaning of the subject; but if they were desirous of learning more they could inquire of the native converts who could point out the pitfalls.

We will now see where the saints are sleeping. Job 7: 21.

And why dost thou not pardon my transgression and take away mine iniquity; for now shall I sleep in the dust; and thou shalt seek me in the morning but I shall not be.

Also read Job 17: 13, 14, 15, 16.

If I wait, the grave is mine house, I have made my bed in the darkness.

I have said to corruption, Thou art my father; to the worm, Thou art my mother and my sister.

And where is now my hope? as for my hope, who shall see it?

They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust.

John 5: 28. Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice.

In Eccl. 9: 10 we read there is no knowledge in the grave.

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest.

We might read what Job 14: 10 says.

But man dieth, and wasteth away; yea man giveth up the ghost and where is he?

We will now see if there is any fixed time for man to sleep in death. Read verse 12 same chapter. So man lieth down, and riseth not till the heavens be no more, they shall not wake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

Well, when will the heavens be no more? Rev. 6: 14, 15, 16.

And the heavens departed as a scroll when it is rolled together, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

And the kings of the earth, and the great men and the rich men and the chief captain, and the mighty men and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains. And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him

that sitteth on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb.

Next we will read who will awake the sleeping saints. 1 Thes. 4: 13-16-17.

But I would not have you to be ignorant brethren, concerning them which are asleep that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Do you think there will be any change in the people at this time? Turn to 1 Cor. 15: 51-54.

Behold I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump, for the trump shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed.

For the corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality.

In Col. 3: 4 we read.

When Christ who is our life shall appear then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. If we appear with Him we shall receive a reward.

Shall we turn to 1 Peter 5: 4 and learn what kind of a reward it is?

And when the chief Shepherd shall appear ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

When are the righteous to receive their reward? Luke 14: 13, 14.

But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind;

And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee; for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just. Also read Rev. 22: 12.

And behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Did the great apostle preach the same? Read 2 Tim. 4: 8.

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

If there was no resurrection what would be the condition of the righteous dead? 1 Cor. 15: 16-18.

For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised.

And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain, ye are yet in your sins.

Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

It is the will of God to raise up him who believes, this being done by Jesus on the last day. Let us read John 6: 39, 40.

And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

And this is the will of him that sent me; that everyone which seeth the Son and believeth on him may have everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

With the lesson this evening we have tried to show by God's Word that the dead whether they be righteous or unrighteous have no power whatever to effect or communicate with the living.

We believe the only communication is through prayer to Him on high through our meditator Christ Jesus, who said I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

The study had made a wonderful impression on Wing, who left the mission in company with Stanley discussing the lesson as they walked along.

"Stanley," he said, "I am certain this man Wood is teaching the gospel truth.

"What a blessing it would be to my race if they could cast off the tradition of superstition of centuries and accept the doctrine he propounded this evening. It would mean our salvation."

They separated at the street crossing, both with troubled minds. One to ponder over the commandments of God, the other trying to shake loose the shackles of spiritualism which held him in its grasp.

CHAPTER III.

A CHANCE MEETING.

Located on one of the main streets in the capital city, was the residence of Prince Foo Chang Wing, the uncle of Su Choo Wing.

The prince had been very successful in life and after finishing his classics and receiving his degree, he entered the service of his country as an official.

Fortune had smiled upon him, he had advanced from one position to another until he now stood next to the emperor.

Being a very liberal minded man, his friends were numerous, and when the great movement against the foreigners began, every effort was made by him to oppose it, but his efforts were fruitless however, and with a sad shake of his head he was compelled to accept the inevitable.

He was also very intimate friends with the president of the American Missionary University of the city, who directed his mind to the Bible.

Whenever duties permitted, he would discuss portions of the scriptures for hours with the American D. D., but this did not seem to avail him anything, his mind still clung to the vain, traditional superstition. As the president had given him his views on

the future state they did not seem to differ so widely on this topic.

When Prince Wing's brother died he left a boy fourteen years of age, and as the prince had only one child, a daughter, he took the boy into his home and treated him as his own son. After finishing his course he was sent to a large university in a city near the coast. Young Wing was very studious and after the course in English had been completed, he accepted a position in the Custom Office.

Coming in contact with many missionaries he had, like his uncle, studied the Bible considerably from time to time and in this way he received more light than most Chinamen in the same position.

When the Boxer movement reached its zenith he still remained at his post of duty, although his countrymen had fled.

When the allies camped about him took charge of all government property it left him without a position.

Through the influence of his former instructor in the university, he was given a position with the American forces as a civilian clerk in one of their Army Departments.

Being well versed in English his place was easy to fill and as the allies moved toward the capital it was his duty to go with them.

One day while riding along on a large escort wagon over dusty roads, under the boiling hot sun,

he became acquainted with Sergeant Stanley, who was acting as escort to the wagon train.

Their acquaintance ripened into friendship through the toilsome days of overland travel.

Sometimes on reaching clumps of trees near small villages they would halt to rest.

Upon these occasions young Wing would open his heart to the Sergeant, and as they were about the same age it seemed to have a tendency to bring them closer together.

Stanley sympathized with the Chinaman as he heard the story of his uncle's position, how he was compelled to remain with the Court although he was bitterly opposed to the action of his government in affiliating with the Boxer movement against the foreigners. He told Stanley of his aunt and cousin living in their comfortable home in the city.

He would say, "You know very well, Sergeant, my countrymen can never successfully oppose such well equipped and well organized forces as these.

"It will be necessary for my uncle and family to flee from their home in the city.

"What do you suppose will become of them thrown out among a mob of millions of fleeing inhabitants?"

Stanley would console him by pointing to him to trust in Divine Providence, knowing in his own heart he was not placing trust there himself.

After many days of hard campaigning they reached the walls of the capital, where Wing's

heart was rung with bitter feeling as he looked on and beheld his countrymen being forced backward with its formidable foe, in whose ranks fate had cast him.

Through the roar and din of battle he would often see his friend Stanley mounted on his faithful steed, his handsome face drawn with a look of compassion as he dashed here and there with messages for the different officers in command.

His heart sank as he saw Stanley and his little platoon dash through a battered down gateway making directly for the Legation.

He did not again see him until the troops had reached the wall surrounding the emperor's palace; as he was conversing with the officer in whose department he was employed, Stanley rode by with his platoon, saluted the officer and in his ever friendly manner called, "Hello there" to Wing.

The officer halted him and gave directions for him and his platoon to escort Wing to his uncle's residence, to remain there on guard until further notice.

Stanley was thankful for an opportunity of assisting his friend. As they came to the cross street, Wing directed them to turn down and they passed many wealthy residences where the poor inhabitants had begun looting.

The Chinaman's heart throbbed violently as his countrymen fired an occasional shot at them, after this they would turn and flee from view.

Looking into the faces of the soldiers who rode on as unconcerned as though on parade, he wondered how they could be so cool under such exciting surroundings.

At last they arrived at his uncle's home, and as it seemed unmolested, the soldiers took their horses into the compound in the rear of the building.

The front gateway was closed and barred and after much calling and rapping Wing attracted the attention of two servants who advanced cautiously to the gate; as they recognized his voice they hastily opened it, greeting him with glad cries, bowing to their knees and butting their heads on the ground in saluting the member of the prince's family.

As Stanley placed out several sentinels to guard the property from looters, Wing entered the house to learn from the servants that his uncle and family had fled with the Court to the city further inland. They all settled down in comfortable quarters, Wing dispatching one of the trusted servants with a message to his uncle.

As the weeks passed the absent inhabitants began returning in streams, taking up their former abode.

Stanley continued on guard at the home of the prince.

Being close to camp headquarters young Wing secured permission to perform his work at his home. In this way he and Stanley were thrown into one another's company until they seemed almost like brothers, although of different nationalities.

For hours during the evenings the Sergeant would relate army experiences to an interested listener.

One evening he said: "With all my experience, Wing, I have never been a true soldier at heart; I have always averted firing accurately at any man. When entering battle there was always an awful feeling came over me that it might become necessary for me to take someone's life.

"Understand you, Wing, there was no cowardice about me, but my great fear was and is yet of having someone's blood upon my hands.

"I have firmly decided when my enlistment expires next June to leave the army forever."

Wing looked at his friend in surprise. "Sergeant," he said, "I saw you the day the city capitulated and thought you the bravest soldier of them all."

A few days later Prince Wing and family returned and settled down in their home again.

The Prince greeted Stanley warmly as his nephew introduced him. "Uncle," he replied, "I owe much to this soldier, I esteem his friendship above anything in my possession."

He next presented his aunt, a small, dark haired lady dressed in a black silk costume. The cousin, a handsome rosy cheeked girl was next introduced, who looked at the broad shouldered soldier shyly.

The Prince had been sent by the court to open up negotiations for a peace settlement. Always

showing a friendly feeling toward the foreigners and the foreign ministers, they felt he was qualified to do this, and he entered upon his duty at once.

Stanley was now taken from his guard service and removed to the little temple in the park, but was always a welcome visitor at the Prince's home.

He and Wing went about together very often and one beautiful, sunny afternoon, a week after their visit to the chapel in the Sunlight Mission, they strolled out through the northwest gate going along the highway leading toward the mountain by the emperor's summer palace. Near the road stood a peculiar shaped monument, Stanley eyeing it with curiosity.

"This," said Wing, "is dedicated to the memory of our great law giver and the founder of our religion. This monument is the wonder of all who visit this spot. Those ornaments or extensions encircling it from bottom to top represent the great principles laid down by our ancestral countrymen."

The tall shaft like monument was round and seemed as large in circumference at the top as at its base.

This was constructed centuries ago and one can see by its preservation that the workmanship was of the highest order.

Stanley would liked to have ascended, but this was impossible as there was no means provided.

On looking towards the gateway leading through the wall into the city, Stanley asked: "Why is it,

that before all your gateways there is a wall built in front of the entrance? Are they construed to act as wind breaks when it is blowing severely?"

"No," laughed Wing, "These are built to keep out the evil spirits; the thought being, that in turning them from a straight course they would be unable to find their way into the city."

"Then it is apparent by these methods you adopt, that it would be impossible for spirits to penetrate walls or enter homes of your people.

"You certainly must have an ideal city here, laughed Stanley, or do the spirits rise over the walls; why don't your people just build a roof over the city, they would certainly then be safe."

Wing's face brightened up with a smile, as he said, "Sergeant, I heard my uncle's intimate friend speak of the departed souls dwelling in paradise. In fact my uncle and I attended a funeral at the university, and this able Doctor in his discourse gave such a graphic description of the departed one's soul, that I came very near giving up my own religion for his, but my views have changed since he visited my uncle's home. We asked him to describe the dwelling place of the wicked ones.

"Such an awful picture Stanley, a fiery furnace, ten times hotter than anything you can imagine; into this the wicked are dumped, and from the time the soul departed he was tortured and punished forever and ever.

I asked the Doctor who was in charge of this awful place, and he told us, Satan.

My next question seemed to puzzle him, as I asked how Satan could be in here and at the same time be out over the world tempting people.

I could not understand how Satan, the author of all evil could be in this awful place receiving his punishment and at the same time he and his angels of darkness were out seeking to entrap humanity, to have more miserable souls to cast into his awful pit of torture.

"Sergeant," he said in anxious tone, "we must get Elder Wood's explanation on this. I must acknowledge, that lesson on the state of the dead impressed me wonderfully."

"With all my religious experience," said Stanley, "traveling over the world, our friend Wood seems to have more light on the scripture than any person with whom I have come in contact."

Walking farther along they came to an arched bridge spanning a small stream.

Stanley found many questions to ask about this, paying particular attention to the heavy flagging covering the driveway; these were of solid rock resembling granite, and had two deep gutters worn where vehicles passed over.

The day was warm for this season and the two men leaned against the marble railing to discuss the wonderful workmanship which had been performed perhaps twenty centuries before.

A covered two wheeled cart came rumbling across the bridge and from beneath the blue top a familiar voice called out in greeting.

Elder Wood alighted, giving each a warm hand clasp, saying, "I am just returning from a little village about twelve miles up the way where one of my native workers is having great success in the Lord's service."

They conversed together a few minutes, the Elder informing them that he expected to give a reading at the northwest gateway to several of the soldiers who had visited the chapel from time to time.

He also invited the two men to join them. Nothing would give us more pleasure, answered they.

The quarters were located in the large pagoda built above the gate entrance.

Before starting on, Wing asked the Elder a few questions on the fate of the wicked. Wood proceeded to the cart and procuring his Bible opened it in the bright sunlight.

Now, Elder, I am very anxious to know if the wicked who have passed into death are being punished?

I will answer you by these two passages of scripture. Job 21: 28-31.

For ye say, Where is the house of the prince, and where are the dwelling places of the wicked? Have ye not asked them that go by the way? Do ye not know their token?

That the wicked is reserved to the day of judgment, they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath.

I would like to know where the dead wicked are now, inquired Stanley.

They were using a cross fire upon the Elder, who answered only by the Word of God, (The Bible). In Job 21, verses 32 and 33 we read, They shall lie down alike in the dust and the worms shall cover them.

Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb.

The clods of the valley, shall be sweet unto him and every man shall draw after him.

In 1 Peter 4: 17 there is something in regard to the wicked, I will read it.

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God; and if its first begins at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

I want to read you what the penalty of sin is. This is from Rom. 6: 23.

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now James 1: 15 says. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin, and sin, when it is finished bringeth forth death.

My dear friends, perhaps you have never thought of the definition of death. Die means to cease living, to expire.

I will read you a few texts dealing with death.
Rev. 20 : 6.

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and Christ and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Heb. 9 : 27. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.

You will see by the next verse what becomes of the wicked after judgment.

Matt. 13 : 40-42. As therefore, the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

The Son of man shall send forth his angels and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

If God did not intend man should die the second death, we will see for whom this fire was prepared.

I will read from Mat. 25 : 41. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.

"Well, Elder, where do you think this fire is located?" asked Wing eagerly.

Let me see, I think Rev. 20 : 9, will enlighten you some on that, answered Wood.

And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about and the

beloved city; and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

Stanley now asked if the earth was reserved for this purpose.

The Elder read him 2 Peter 3: 9.

But the heavens and earth which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against judgment and perdition of men.

In reading Prov. 11: 31, I may show you where the wicked will be recompensed.

Behold the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.

I will also read you Isa. 34: 8.

For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance and the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion.

And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch.

"Do you understand, the wicked will all be punished at the same time Elder?" asked Wing.

He turned the pages to Isa. 1: 28-31.

And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that shall forsake the Lord shall be consumed.

And the strong shall be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them.

I will show you now who will awake to receive their punishment, in John 5: 28, 29.

Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice; and shall come forth, they that have done good unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

"Well now Elder, can you show us when the righteous will awake?" asked Wing.

1 Thes. 4: 16 says, For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall arise first.

You understand of course that the dead in Christ mean the righteous dead; they shall be the first to be resurrected when the Lord comes.

Now may I ask if you can tell us when the wicked will awake?

The Elder calmly turned to verse 5 of Rev. 20, and read.

But the rest of the dead live not again until the thousand years were finished.

This is the first resurrection.

Now we will see what Satan gathers the wicked dead to when they are raised.

This I will read from verse 8 of the same chapter.

And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog to gather them together, to battle the number of whom is as the sands' of the sea.

"This scripture reads," said Wing, "as though Satan had power with the wicked after judgment."

Yes, replied Elder Wood, he gathers them for battle; I will show you by Rev. 20, verse 9 what the result of this attack will be. And they went up on the breath of the earth and compassed the camps of the saints about and the beloved city and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

Let me read you how this fire affects the wicked. This is found in Mal. 4: 1-3.

For behold the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea and all that do wickedly shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of Hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of Hosts.

I will give you a description of this scene in Nahum 1: 7-10.

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and he knoweth them that trust in Him.

But with an over-running flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies. What do ye imagine against the Lord? He will make an utter end; affliction shall not rise up the second time.

For while they be folden together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.

Now will the wicked ever recover from their destruction? I will read you 2 Thes. 1: 9.

Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power?

Then I will read verse 18 of Isa. 10.

And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body and they shall be as when a standard bearer fainteth.

And Mat. 25: 46 says: And these shall go away into everlasting punishment but the righteous into life eternal.

"How do you account for this everlasting punishment?" Stanley asked.

It is very plain to me, replied Wood, that death and destruction by fire would be everlasting punishment. Patience and well doing are necessary for those who receive eternal life.

Rom. 2: 7. To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life.

Wing then asked this pointed question, "If the righteous have eternal life, will the place of the wicked always exist?"

Well, I will just read you something here in Ps. 37: 10.

For yet a little while and the wicked shall not be; yea thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

You can see by verse 16 in Obediah that the wicked are brought to a condition as though they had never been.

For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountains so shall all the heathen drink continually yea, they shall drink and they shall swallow down and they shall be as though they had not been.

We may look forward to a new heaven and a new earth, reads 2 Peter 3: 12, 13.

Looking for and hasting into the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved and the elements shall melt with fervent heat.

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Mat. 5: 15 promises an inheritance which reads, Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.

Sergeant Stanley then asked, "Well where will the wicked be then?"

I will read Mal. 4: 3. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, says the Lord of Hosts.

Wing then asked if Satan would share the same fate as the other wicked.

I will read Heb. 2: 14. I think that will cover your question satisfactorily.

For as much then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil.

Ez. 28: 18, 19 says. 'Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore, will I bring forth a fire amidst of thee; it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee. 'Thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

They had all three been standing leaning against the railing of the bridge; and they now turned and walked towards the gateway, the Elder's cart which had been waiting along side of the road near the bridge, followed in the rear.

As the sun shone warm and bright, and it being only a short distance to the quarters, they decided to walk.

"There are so many things that seem so hard for me to understand," said Wing. "Now here is the Sergeant, who seems worried and troubled for the past month or so.

"Why, Elder, when I first became acquainted with him he appeared as happy as any mortal could wish to be, now he seems worried about the position

fate has placed him in. It seems your teaching is causing unrest with both of us.

"We have studied your Bible very much of late, sometimes in his quarters; sometimes at my uncle's home who has noted a great change in me and is becoming very concerned. In fact, I have every reason to believe he has consulted with his friend, the Doctor of the University, who returned a few weeks ago from a visit to his home in America.

"But I was going to speak to you about the commandments.

"This seems to be continually on Stanley's mind; Is it not so Sergeant?"

"Yes," said Stanley in his deep, clear tone, "I feel as though the Lord was striving with me daily. But there are so many things come up which try to excuse my position.

"This morning I was reading in Joshua of the cities of refuge which were appointed for the slayer to dwell in, and yet God gave the commandment, Thou shalt not kill."

"Now," replied Wood, "if you read on a little carefully I think you will find it makes it clear, that if a man was a slayer, his brethren should not punish him until he had received a fair trial.

"You may get some light on this subject from the lesson I will give at the quarters, as some of the soldiers were anxious to study about the two laws."

By this time they reached the double gateway, guarded by a man in uniform. They turned to

their right and entered a door into a long narrow room, containing a row of canvas cots extending along the wall.

Seated on two roughly made benches on either side of an improvised table composed of boards resting on two trusses were three men apparently waiting for the Elder. Before them were magazines and papers of recent date, but their minds were occupied on something better.

After greeting, and explaining of Stanley and Wing's presence they seated themselves, Wood opened his Bible and began immediately with the lesson on, "The Two Laws."

It will be my aim this afternoon to show you there are two laws recorded in God's Word, this I will show with references found in Neh. 9: 13, 14.

Thou camest down also upon Mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments and true laws, good statutes and commandments.

And madest known unto them thy holy Sabbaths and commandedst them precepts, statutes and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant.

Stanley spoke up saying, "Do you mean to say, Elder, the Lord speaks of one of these laws as one He himself gave the people and the other, one which Moses made?"

I think we will turn to 2 Kings 21: 8 and see what God says about it.

Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them.

Now I want to show you how much was included in the law the Lord spoke by turning to Deut. 4: 12, 13.

And the Lord spake unto you out of the midst of fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude, only ye heard a voice. And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

"Don't you think," inquired Wing, "there would have been more included in this than the ten commandments?"

Just let me read a verse here, Deut. 5: 22. These words the Lord spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness with a great voice; and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me.

I would like to show you now how the other law was spoken.

Turning to Gal. 3: 19, he read, Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

I will also read Heb. 2 : 2.

For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward.

It has always seemed so wonderful to me that the law of God was written on substance from which it could not be erased.

Deut. 5 : 22. 'These words the Lord spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice, and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone and delivered them unto me.

Corporal Keene, to whom the Elder had come to give this reading, now asked. "Do you suppose, Elder Wood, the Lord actually wrote these himself?"

I certainly do, answered Wood, I think Deut. 9 : 10, will bear me out in it.

And the Lord delivered unto me two tables of stone written according to all the words, which the Lord spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire, in the day of the assembly.

He then read Deut. 10 : 1-6.

"If the ten commandments were written by God, who wrote the other law?" asked Stanley.

We might turn to and read Deut. 31 : 24.

And it came to pass when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished.

You see Moses wrote this law, and that he wrote it in a book.

Now by reading Deut. 31, 26, we can learn where this book was kept.

Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

Now we know the law of Moses was kept in the side of the ark, and next we will learn where the ten commandments were placed. Deut. 10: 5.

And I turned myself and came down from the mount and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the Lord commanded me.

Now as the commandments were placed inside the ark, you can see they occupied separate places.

Verse 7 of Psalms 19 speaks of God's law in this manner.

The law of God is perfect, converting the soul, the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

Rom. 7: 12 says. Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandments holy, just and good.

I would like to read you Eze. 20: 24, 25, also Heb. 7: 19.

Because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes and had polluted my Sabbaths, and their eyes were after their father's idols.

Wherefore I gave them also statutes that were not, and judgments whereby they should not live.

“Now Stanley, how long do you think the law of God is to remain in force?” asked the Elder.

Well, I suppose it will stand as long as there is any one on earth to obey it.

We might turn and read Ps. 111: 7, 8.

The works of his hands are verity and judgment, all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast forever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

Then also read Ps. 119, 142, 172, and Isa. 51: 6 and 7.

Now to show you how Christ regarded the perpetuity of the law, we will read Luke 16: 17, 18.

And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one title of the law to fail.

Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery; and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery.

A great many attempt to prove that faith in Christ makes void this law.

We will read Rom. 3: 31.

Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid, yea we establish the law.

Stanley then asked, “Who are under this law?” and Elder Wood read Rom. 3: 19.

Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law; that

every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Now we will read Rom. 4: 15, and see if this was not in full force at the present, could it condemn the whole world.

Because the law worketh wrath; for where no law is, there is no transgression.

“Is it necessary for Christians to keep the law of Moses?” asked Wing.

I will read you one or two texts found in Acts 15: 5, 6 and 24.

But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed saying that it was needful to circumcise them and to command them to keep the law of Moses.

And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

For as much as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment.

Now we will try to find how long this law was to remain in force, spoke the Elder. Read Gal. 3: 19.

Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

So you see my freinds this law of Moses stood until the coming of the mediator.

We will now see to whom the seed here mentioned are referred to by reading verse 16 the same chapter.

Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

I will show you what place this law occupied in the word of God previous to the death of Christ by reading Gal. 3: 24.

Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ that we might be justified by faith.

Keene now asked if the ancient people did not have the gospel; and Wood again referred them to Gal. 3: 8.

And the scripture foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

"Then is it necessary for us to keep the law of God?" asked Wing.

It certainly is, answered Wood as he carefully read 1 John 5: 3.

For this is the law of God, that we keep His commandments and His commandments are not grievous.

Could a truthful person love God and not keep His commandments? asked Elder Wood. We will read 1 John 2: 4.

He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Now the Lord could not answer prayers very well of those who have turned away from the law. You will see this by reading Prov. 28: 9.

He that turneth his ear away from hearing the law even his prayer shall be abomination.

It requires more than our own strength to keep the law says Rom. 7: 14-25, and as the Elder finished reading he placed emphasis on the last verse which reads, I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Wood now asked, Will those who are looking forward to the second coming of the Saviour keep the law? Rev. 14: 12, Rev. 22: 2-14.

He finished the 14th verse with, Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

If we truly keep this law will we want to break one part of it?

We will read what James 2: 10, 11 says of it. For whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

For, he that said, Do not commit adultery said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

The keen eyes of the Elder noticed Stanley start perceptibly as he finished reading.

The other soldiers seemed unaffected, but looked in amazement as Wood read from Ex. 16: 27, 28.

And it came to pass that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none.

And the Lord said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?

As soon as the Elder ceased speaking, Stanley spoke up saying, "I see right now that I am the violator of another commandment; which one is it, Elder?"

Elder Wood looked sad as he said, It is the fourth one this time, Stanley. It is being broken by millions of christians, some of whom do not realize it.

You will find the commandments of God, plain and easy to be understood after you have once began to obey them.

He now read Deut. 30: 11 to 14.

For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee neither is it far off.

It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven and bring it unto us, that we may hear it and do it?

Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us that we may hear it and do it.

But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

Now we have the testimony of one who spoke of keeping the commandments. I will read you Ps. 119: 59, 60.

I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

The Elder finished reading remarking, is this not a safe example for us to follow?

The evening was drawing on and they must close their study, each man going to his place of abode.

CHAPTER IV.

"THE SABBATH," AT PRINCE WING'S HOME.

Yena Wing was busy tidying her father's home. Upon the highly polished floors were fur rugs, made from animals trapped in the mountains of Mongolia, and transported across the great desert into the capital city of the plains, where they were purchased by the wealthy inhabitants, who loved rich furnishings to decorate their homes.

Yena was a great favorite of her father. After starting a large mahogany music box into operation, she proceeded to arrange her father's chair resting on a beautiful deer-skin rug.

The music was a Chinese tune composed to appease the wrath of the demon of the house, or (house god) to whom most Chinese appeal when special sacrifice was wont to be made.

This idol was usually eight or ten inches in height, and placed on a stand in some room of the residence where he could be appealed to in time of trouble.

It was one day taken from its place by her father after reading a large book, now occupying the place once held by the image with the hideous carved head.

Yena, unlike her father and cousin, had never studied English, so it was impossible for her to read the book.

It was not surprising when the music box played that she hummed the familiar tune as she flitted about her task tidying. In expensive cloisonné vases were large bouquets of artificial flowers.

Upon the walls were pictures, the output of native artists, contrasting with the decorated ceilings with colors of many tints that never seemed to lose their brightness. As she arranged the books on the stand containing the Bible her fingers carefully opened the seal covers, while her eyes looked eagerly upon the engravings between the leaves.

Her cousin had only a short time before told her of the many wonderful things to be found in this book. How she longed to read it as she gazed on the different illustrations her cousin had explained.

She had often listened to her father, cousin and Sergeant Stanley discussing this great book, but could not understand them as they spoke in a foreign language.

How different was this pleasant faced man in uniform, she thought, to those who acted so shamefully when they returned from the Emperor's Court, occupying its temporary place of refuge far off in the interior city.

How bold these men on outpost duty had looked, how rude they had treated her father as they relieved him of his silver and many valuable pieces of jewelry they had taken with them in their hasty flight. But their uniforms were of different make than the one worn by this friend of her cousin.

She asked Su why the uniforms worn by foreigners differed so much; he explained that they represented the great nations of the world.

"What nation does your Sergeant friend represent?" she asked in her own language. Upon his explanation, as he dwelt upon the fine treatment he received from Stanley's countrymen, she proceeded with her home duties, wondering why it was her countrymen did not resemble her cousin's friend more.

Yena closed the book and going to the end of the large room swung open two lattice windows with thin, white paper coverings.

In the rear compound were several small dwellings. From one of these her mother emerged crossing from one compound to another.

She glanced up at the open window smiling pleasantly at her daughter, then continued on the daily routine of directing the homes of her husband's under wives, being six or seven in number.

There were no children in these homes of the prince, except Yena, whose mother ruled and kept harmony over all the household.

The girl had just finished her task as her father and cousin entered.

"Uncle," the nephew was saying, "I would like to ask a favor. During the past few weeks, my friend, Stanley, and I have been studying the Bible together, with an Elder Wood, who has charge of the Sunlight Mission. We have had considerable

light given us on the Bible; would you not like to have a study with us here in your home?"

The Prince smiled saying, Oh, this Elder Wood is the man my good friend, the Doctor, has warned me against.

Nothing would please me better than to get this man's ideas on the Bible.

Ever since my good friend, Doctor Westfield, warned me, it has been my greatest curiosity to meet him.

Young Wing was very much pleased and arranged for the study the following evening, while the uncle planned to have Doctor Westfield there without his nephew's knowledge.

When Wing presented the invitation at the Mission, the Elder, who was grateful for this opportunity, talked it over with his wife and sister and they decided Margaret should accompany him as there might be a possibility of bringing the Truth before the ladies of the Prince's household.

As the shades of evening began to settle about on the date set for the reading, Yena and her mother arranged the lights under the direction of Su, who moved about in pleasant anticipation of the evening before him.

He was taken back, however, when the short, stout Dr. Westfield arrived.

After shaking hands with the family, he and the Prince seated themselves by a fire conversing together, the Chinaman laughing loudly at some of

the Doctor's witty remarks. Their conversation was interrupted by the appearance of Stanley.

As young Wing introduced him, the Doctor sized up the well developed Sergeant from head to foot, then opened up a bombardment of questions, Stanley thinking it would yet be necessary for him to give his full geneology.

Then the Elder and sister arrived, who were introduced and when presented to Yena and her mother, they were greatly surprised to hear this golden haired, blue-eyed lady begin conversing in their own tongue.

The men had gathered in a circle near the fireplace.

The Doctor began talking with the Elder on the Sabbath. "Mr. Wood," he said, "I cannot understand why your denomination lay so much stress on the seventh day Sabbath. You are simply following old Jewish tradition by propounding the identical day idea. We believe in an institutional Sabbath as well as you do and teach that its observance is essential for the Christian's welfare, but Mr. Wood, if our Lord had taught us this Jewish day was to continue after his resurrection it is logic to believe His resurrection would have taken place upon the Sabbath day."

The Prince, his nephew and Stanley were interested listeners.

Margaret Wood with the two Chinese women

sat back a little distance explaining to them the conversation between the Doctor and the Elder.

“Why, my dear friend, your identical day is preposterous. The earth being round it would be impossible to worship all over the world on the same day. This alone is proof that the Lord never intended his people to worship on any fixed day.”

As Dr. Westfield ceased speaking, the Elder answered: By the Providence of God we find the date line has been established about the middle of the great Pacific Ocean, from where the natural day begins and where the natural day ends; so in circumnavigating the globe the twenty-four hours is laid down or picked up by the traveler out on the ocean, where it is uninhabited and affects no one except the travelers, who accept the day as it comes to them.

This makes it reasonable to believe the Lord intended us to observe the day set apart in creation.

You believe, Doctor, that God’s Word is inspired do you not?

Then we will take this book for proof. They all agreed to this proposition and Elder Wood suggested taking up a study on the proper observance of the Sabbath.

First of all I want to read the Ten Commandments.

Opening their Bibles to Ex. 20, he read them in a clear, loud tone.

When he came to, Thou shalt not commit adultery the Prince moved uneasily in his chair, as he thought of the concubines in the rear of the compound.

I want to ask if any of you know the name the Bible gives to the day preceding the Sabbath.

Well, Doctor, will you please read Mark 15: 42. He slowly turned the pages and carefully read, And now when even was come, because it was the preparation, that is the day before the Sabbath.

You may also read Luke 23: 54.

And that day was the preparation, and the Sabbath drew on.

Now do you not think this was the same Sabbath Jesus taught upon in the synagogue? The Doctor admitted it was.

To show how they were to prepare in ancient days for the Sabbath I will ask Stanley to read Ex. 16: 22, 23.

And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread; two omers for one man; and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. And he said, That is that which the Lord hath said, Tomorrow is the rest of the Holy Sabbath unto the Lord, bake that which ye will bake today, and seeth that ye will seeth and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.

To show you there could be no labor performed

upon the Sabbath, if you properly observe it we will turn to Ex. 35 : 3.

Mr. Wing, you may read this if you will please. Ye shall kindle no fires throughout your habitations upon the Sabbath day.

I will endeavor to show how the christian women observed the Sabbath. He now asked the Prince to read Luke 23 : 54, 55, 56. And that day was the preparation and the Sabbath drew on.

And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.

And they returned and prepared spices and ointments ; and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandments.

Now I will read the fourth commandment and show you how many were commanded to rest on the Sabbath. Ex. 20 : 10.

But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor the stranger that is within thy gates.

What are we to call the Sabbath?

Dr. Westfield read Isa. 58 : 13.

If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable ; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own

ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words.

Now, Doctor, I would like to ask you when the Sabbath begins?

We generally observe it from midnight until midnight, answered the Doctor.

We will have Stanley read us Lev. 23 : 32.

It shall be unto you a Sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls; in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even shall ye celebrate your Sabbaths.

Now we will ask Mr. Wing to read Deut. 16 : 6, to show us when evening begins.

But at the place which the Lord thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt.

You may also read verse 32 of Mark 1.

And at even when the sun did set they brought unto him all that were diseased and them that were possessed with devils.

If we are anxious for the Sabbath to pass to resume our worldly business or work do we love the Sabbath?

Wood asked the Prince to read Amos 8 : 4 to 8.

Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fall.

Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the Sabbath, that we may set

forth wheat, making ephah small and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?

That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes, yea and sell the refuse of the wheat?

The Lord hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works.

Shall not the land tremble for this, and everyone mourn that dwelleth therein? and it shall rise up wholly as a flood; and it shall be cast out and drowned, as by the flood of Egypt.

I want to read Neh. 13: 15, and show you it is wrong to transact business on the Sabbath.

In those days saw I in Judah some treading wine presses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath; and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals.

We will also see if it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath. Mat. 12: 11, 12.

And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the Sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

How much more then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath day.

Now we will see if it is right to satisfy hunger on the Sabbath.

At that time Jesus went on the Sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungered, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat.

Have we an example of the Saviour attending public worship on the Sabbath?

I will read Luke 4: 16-31.

And he came to Nazareth where he had been brought up, and as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read.

And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the Sabbath days.

Acts 13: 14 says the apostles set the same examples.

And when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and sat down.

Also read Acts 16: 13 and chapter 17: 2, also chapter 18: 4, 11.

Now we will see what the apostle John calls the Sabbath. Turning to Rev. 1: 10, he nodded to Stanley to read.

I was in the spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet.

Now we will see what the Lord's day is. Ex. 20: 8 to 12.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: But the *seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God*;

in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor the stranger that is within thy gates.

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Also read Isa. 58: 13, and Mark 2: 27, 28 reads, And he said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of man is also Lord of the Sabbath.

So as we understand the scripture, Doctor, the Sabbath must surely be the Lord's day.

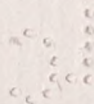
Now if you have any scriptural references where the Lord commanded the first day of the week was to be His Sabbath after His resurrection we will be very glad to study them with you.

The Doctor called to mind where the disciples had gathered to break bread on the first day of the week. Acts 20: 7, 1 Cor. 16: 1 and Rev. 1: 10.

Our marginal readings direct us to these references as proof that it was the first day of the week upon which the Saviour was resurrected for His Sabbath.

As the Jews rejected Jesus we as Christians deem it necessary to worship on the day of His resurrection and not on the Jewish Sabbath."

But you see, said Elder Wood, God gave the



seventh day Sabbath before there were any Jews. Gen. 2: 3 proves this without a doubt.

And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it; because in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Furthermore the only Saviour we have to trust in is Jesus Christ, who was a Jew according to flesh, the apostles and prophets were Jewish, we have no other than Jewish scripture and then Jesus himself said, Salvation is of the Jews.

We will turn to John 4: 22, and read this.

Ye worship, ye know not what; we worship what we worship; for salvation is of the Jews.

Now what did Matthew mean in the sixth year of the Christian Church? He did not mean the first day of the week, but the day before the first day.

I will just read you Matt. 28: 1.

In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

Mark 16: 1, says, And when the Sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

Now you see he also meant the first day of the week.

Now, Doctor, if the Sabbath had been changed at the resurrection of Christ, Mark would surely have known it within ten years afterwards.

And Luke who wrote twenty-eight years after, also meant the Sabbath was the day before the first day of the week; for he says in chapter 23 and verse 56. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the Sabbath day, according to the commandments.

And John in the sixty-third year of the Christian Church speaks of the Sabbath the same as the others do.

Let us turn and read John 20 : 1.

The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

What did the writer of the Acts of the Apostles mean thirty years after the Christian Church was fully commenced?

He speaks often of the Sabbath, but only once mentions the first day of the week and then it is quite distinct from the Sabbath.

I would like to read Acts 13, 14, 42, 44; also Acts 20 : 7.

Elder Wood finished reading the different references, while the Doctor sat in deep meditation.

The Prince smiled as he looked upon the countenance of his friend.

Stanley and Wing sat close together reading over the last references, while Margaret gave an account of the reading to Yena and her mother.

After a few moments, Wood again said, You see if the apostles of God always called the seventh day

the Sabbath, ten, twenty-eight and sixty-three years after the church was fully commenced it must certainly be the Sabbath day now.

Anyone giving any other day this name is using a title nowhere found in the New Testament.

You may say I am using harsh judgment, but the scripture says, This is an hard saying who can bear it? I do not wish to judge anyone, but the word the Lord hath spoken, the same shall judge you in the last day.

John 12: 48. He that rejecteth me and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

We will also read Rom. 2: 16.

In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

At this juncture young Wing spoke up, "Elder, it seems as though your Sabbath day has been changed; I would like to know who changed it."

Well, said Wood, as foretold by the prophets and apostles, the Papacy has done violence to this law.

I will call your attention to Ez. 22: 26.

Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things, they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hidden their eyes from my Sabbaths and I am profaned among them.

Now I will read you from the prophecy of Daniel found in chapter 7, verse 25.

And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change the times and the law and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

I would like to call your attention to the first law on record as a weekly day of observance, human or divine, by Constantine A. D. 321, who at that time was heathen Emperor of Rome and a sun worshipper.

Let all the judges and townspeople, and the occupation of all trades, rest on the venerable day of the sun, but let those who are situated in the country, freely and at full liberty attend to the business of agriculture.

Given the seventh day of March, Crispus and Constantine, being consuls, each of them for the second time 321. *Corpus Juris Civilis Codicis*, lib, iii, lit, 12: 3, also Schaff Herzog Ency, art. "Sunday Legislation."

In 325, Sylvester, bishop of Rome, authoritatively, bestowed upon the Sunday the title of Lord's Day. This was needed to supplement Constantine's heathen decree.

See *Historia Ecclesiastica* per M Ludovicum cent. 4 chapter 10 pp. 739, 740, ed Basilea 1624 library of Andover Theological Seminary. When in the years 364-65, a council was held at Laodicea,

apostasy had so far advanced, the following law was passed :

Christians must not Judaize by resting on the Sabbath but must work on that day ; rather honoring the Lord's day resting if they can as Christians. If any were found Judiazing, (or resting on the Sabbath day) let them be accursed from Christ. Index Canonum p. 259.

The Papacy claims she has changed the Sabbath and that her ability to do this is a proof of her authority. For proof of this statement I refer you to their Doctrinal Catechism.

Now my friends as I have given you these historical facts of who changed the Sabbath I would like you to turn to chapter 7 of Daniel and read when Daniel's first view of the future was given.

In the first year of Belshazzar, king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed ; then he wrote the dream, and told the sum of the matter.

We will read verse 2 and 3 and learn what he saw in this vision.

Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea.

And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from the other.

I guess we will see what is denoted by wind spoken of here, turn to Zech. 7: 14.

But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned; for they laid the pleasant land desolate.

We will also read Rev. 17: 15 and see what sea denotes.

And he saith unto me. The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are people, and multitudes and nations and tongues.

We will now see what the beast spoken of means. Read Daniel 7: 17.

These great beasts which are four, are four kings which shall arise out of the earth.

Now let us see what the king denotes.

Elder Wood read verse 23 of the same chapter. Then he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon the earth; which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down and break it in pieces.

If this fourth beast is the fourth kingdom then it is fair to say the first beast is the first kingdom.

From historical knowledge we believe this first kingdom to be Babylon.

Now we will try and show by what symbol that kingdom was represented in this prophecy. Daniel 7: 4.

The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings; I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon

the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given it.

The following reference shows how Medo-Persia was represented. Daniel 7: 5.

And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear and it raised up itself on one side and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it, and they said thus unto it, Arise devour much flesh.

Let us read how Grecia was represented. Dan. 7: 6.

After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had on the back of it four wings of a fowl; The beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

The prophets represent pagan Rome in the following manner. Daniel 7: 7.

After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible and strong exceedingly, and it had great iron teeth, it devoured and break in pieces and stamped the residue with feet of it, and was diverse from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

Now the prophet made a request in regard to this fourth beast.

We will read verses 19 to 22 and see what it was. Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse, from all the others exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were in iron, and his nails of brass, which devoured, break in pieces and stamped the residue with his feet. And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came

up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.

I beheld and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them. Until ancient of days came judgment was given to the saints of the Most High, and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

We will show by verse 23 what explanation was given him.

Thus he said, 'The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

Young Wing getting more interested spoke up saying, "Elder, do you mean to say this fourth beast represents the power that changed the Sabbath?"

Yes, the Elder replied, as the Doctor looked at him and smiled.

We believe this prophecy we are now reading is on historical record, and has been fulfilled.

Now by turning to verse 14 of chapter 7 we will learn what the ten horns represent.

And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations and languages, should serve him, his dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

I will try and give you a historical fact to make

clear the ten horns showing the division of the Roman Empire.

The Roman Empire was at last divided into ten parts, between the years A. D. 351 and 483. These divisions were the Huns, Ostrogoths, Visigoths, Franks, Vandals, Suevi, Burgundians, Heruli, Anglo-Saxons and Lombards.

These are now known as England, France, Germany, Austria, Prussia, etc. See Newtons on the Prophecy, Machiavelli, Gibbon, etc.

The prophet sees a change taking place among these ten horns, said Elder Wood, as he read verse eight.

I consider the horns, and behold, there came up among them another little horn before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots, and behold, in his horn were eyes like the eyes of man and a mouth speaking great things.

We will look at verse 24, (last part) and learn what this denotes.

And another shall rise after them, and he shall be diverse from the first and he shall subdue three kings.

Now this prophecy was fulfilled by the rise of the Papacy A. D. 538, a few years after the ten kingdoms arose.

His triple crown indicates that three crowns gave way before him by the subjections of Heruli, Vandals and Ostrogoths who opposed the decree of the Emperor of Rome.

Justinian, the pope, was made the ecclesiastical power of the world.

We have a further description given of the same power in verse 25 of Daniel 7.

And he shall speak great words against the Most High and shall wear out the saints of the Most High; and think to change times and law; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and dividing of time.

You can see the change made in the law of God by the Papacy by reading the last part of verse 25.

We will turn to Ex. 20: 8 to 12 and learn what part of God's law relates to time.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor the stranger that is within thy gates.

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day, whereas the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

See Ency. Brit. in the article on Sunday, showing Constantine made the first law for the observance of Sunday. Also Ency. Americana, article Sabbath.

Prynn's Dissertation on the Lord's day 1633 p. 163. Catholics Decrees, Dr. Justin Edwards Sab-

bath Manual p. 123. Dialogues on the Lord's day chapter 259. Dictionary of Chronology p. 313, article Sunday. Doctrinal Catechism p. 101 and Abridgement of Christian Doctrine p. 57.

In Daniel 7: 25, last part, tells how long the Papacy was to have power over the law.

I would like to ask how long it means by time, times and the dividing of time?

We will turn to Rev. 13: 5 and read, replied Wood.

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

And verse 14 of chapter 12 reads:

And to the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, times and a half time, from the face of the serpent.

Now we may read the verse 6 also.

Now the woman fled into the wilderness where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and three score days.

In Jewish reckoning thirty days to a month time, times and a half time or (dividing of time) is equivalent to three and one-half years, or forty-two months would make 1260 days as you read in Rev. 12: 6.

By this it will be seen all the statements referring to the period of Papal supremacy are the same.

Now to understand what a day in prophecy means we will turn to Ez. 4: 6.

And when thou hast accomplished them lie again on thy right side and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days. I have appointed each day for a year.

Then also read Num. 14: 34.

The Doctor looked up remarking, "Then Mr. Wood by your reckoning the 1260 days which you have summed up would be 1260 years of our calendar time."

Yes, replied Wood, I will refer you to Gibbons Rome chapter 41, pages 528, 529, five vol. edition, and Catholic History by Liberatus, chapter 22, page 224. This period would end in 1798.

Now I will show you what took place in 1798, to mark the closing of this period.

We will read Daniel 7: 26.

But the judgment shall sit and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.

And now I will read Rev. 3: 10.

Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptations which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. This prophecy was also fulfilled when Pope Pius VI was taken prisoner in 1798 by Berthier, a French general, later dying in exile; after which the Papal government at Rome was abolished. See Ency. article Rius or Berthier.

We will turn to Daniel 7: 11 and read what was to follow the consuming of this power.

I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake. I beheld even till the beast was slain and his body destroyed and his body given to the burning flame. Also read verse 27.

I will read 2 Thes. 2: 8 and we will see how this power is to be disposed of.

And then shall that which be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.

Let us see how long the kingdom of God will stand; by reading Daniel 7: 18.

But the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom forever even forever and ever.

We will learn also who is to be king and ruler of this kingdom in the verses 13 and 14.

And I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven and came to the ancient of days and they brought him near before him.

And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations and languages should serve him, his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

In reading Rev. 21: 7, we will learn who can hope to have a place in this kingdom.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he shall be my son.

Also read Gal. 3 : 29.

Elder Wood closed his Bible, and Margaret, who had been explaining the study as it progressed to the two women, passed out some tracts printed in their own language, not forgetting the Doctor with some printed in English.

Bidding the Prince and his family good-night, they departed all together. On reaching the street the Doctor stepped into the waiting jinrikasha and was drawn away into the darkness by two Chinamen, one pulling the little two-wheeled vehicle by a pair of shafts in front, while the other assisted by pushing in the rear.

Stanley walked along with Wood and Margaret until they came to Chin street, where he left them, as their ways separated here.

CHAPTER V.

DECIDED AT LAST.

Elder Wood had placed on his overcoat preparatory to making a visit to a small village outside the east gate near the imperial hunting park.

There was a worker at this point whom he visited from time to time to instruct and assist in his duties.

As he buttoned his coat, he left thankful in his heart for the many blessings showered on him of late.

How thankful he was that Stanley and Wing after weeks of study of the Bible acknowledged they had seen the Truth.

Stanley had said, "Elder, I am convinced of the Sabbath truth and feel also the consciousness as a violator of the sixth commandment.

"But my term of enlistment does not expire for about one-half a year yet.

"You know what army discipline is. It seems to me it would be impossible for a man to serve God conscientiously, and at the same time serve his country in the capacity of a soldier.

"You haven't any idea what persecution this would bring upon me, to keep holy God's Sabbath day, and he repeated Gen. 2: 3. And God blessed

the seventh day and sanctified it, because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

“And, furthermore, I have sworn to obey my superiors.

“If the occasion should arise, and I would be sent into the front with a command to kill, or it would be necessary for me to give orders when out with my platoon to fire on our enemy how could I avert breaking the commandment?”

Wood had answered him, urging that he step out regardless of his position.

You cannot comprehend, Sergeant, how powerful the Lord is when you are obedient; how he will clear the entanglements about you. Put your trust in him, sacrifice everything, for you can never repay full the sacrifice made for you.

But the Sergeant hesitated.

How surprised he was as Wing admitted the Sabbath truth, and declared his willingness to step out whenever the Sergeant did.

Wood did not urge them farther, but left it all with the Lord.

It was different with the Prince. He admitted the truth had been taught, but the duties he owed to his government would not justify him in stepping out for the Lord.

One day while riding in his rikasha along the street, Dr. Westfield recognized Elder Wood and halted him.

They conversed over the Sabbath proposition for considerable time; the Doctor admitted a great number of denominations were preaching theology instead of scripture. But how are you going to avert this when your congregation want this sort of preaching? Our bread and butter depend on pleasing our congregation.

Why, just think Elder Wood, the time we ministers spend on our education, attending theological seminaries, preparing ourselves for the ministry, and then also think of the enormous expense we have fitting ourselves for God's service.

My contention is that no man is able to proclaim the gospel to the world except they undergo this system of training.

Look at the great minds we have to contend with; minds of millions who receive the highest education our colleges and seminaries can give them.

As the Elder's mind traveled back for an instant over his struggle for the little scraps of learning he had earned from time to time, a great comfort filled his heart as he thought of the poor ignorant fishermen whom the lone Galilean had chosen to proclaim the gospel truth.

Then again, the thought of the great pompous ceremony of the temple service. (John 7: 14.)

Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught.

And the Jews marveled saying, How knoweth this man letters having never learned?

Jesus answered them and said, My doctrine is not Mine, but his that sent me.

The Doctor then called his attention to Mat. 22, quoting verses 37, 38, 39.

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

You see, Elder, these are the two commandments given by Christ himself for us to obey, and I cannot understand why we should concern ourselves about the Sabbath.

For, said the Saviour, on these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Wood answered the Doctor by pointing out (in verse 35) that Jesus had been tempted by the question, Which is the greatest commandment in the law?

The first answer, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind, covers the first four commandments, showing our duty to God.

Second, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self, covers the last six and shows our duty to man.

On these two the ten commandments were based, and on this hangs all the law and the prophets.

They did not discuss this any farther, the Elder bidding the Doctor good-day went on his way.

As the weather was rather cold he placed a muffler about his neck, bidding his family good-bye started off on his day's work.

While Margaret was preparing for her day's duties, she consulted Mue Sang, the chapel organist, who, while attending school preparing herself for the work in the broad harvest field, lived at the mission. Mue, she said, you were speaking to me of the arrangements made with your family to have a Bible study. Is not this the date we were to go out there?

With a smile hovering about her mouth, the Chinese girl answered in the affirmative.

How she had looked forward to this day. Her family had begun to walk in the light and the reading today was given preparatory to taking them into the church.

I will be ready to go with you after dinner, said Margaret, and they both continued on with their different duties; the Chinese girl humming some of the beautiful hymns she had learned in the mission, while Miss Wood often found herself thinking of the soldier Stanley.

How earnestly they had prayed for him and his friend Wing. She wondered if they would have the courage to stand by their convictions.

Would they let go the world with its many pitfalls to entice its victims into everlasting miseries?

After dinner as she was preparing for her journey

she heard Mrs. Wood inviting Stanley and Wing into the sitting room.

Stanley had asked if the Elder was at home. Upon being informed of his absence he explained. As this is Sunday we soldiers are excused from all duties.

Our Chaplains have this day for ministering to the spiritual welfare of the men.

As Mr. Wing's department excuses him from any labor on Sunday we decided to come over to the mission where we could secure more light on the scriptures with the help of the Elder.

I am certainly glad you came, said Mrs. Wood, and am very sorry the Elder is absent from home.

Margaret now entered the room already for her afternoon trip.

The Elder's wife explained the situation at the same time exclaiming, perhaps they would like to accompany you and Mue on your afternoon visit, in this way they could have the benefit of your lesson.

Both men accepted the invitation gladly, and the little party left the mission proceeding along Legation street for a short distance; they then turned down a crowded thoroughfare lined with thousands of Celestials, who were causing a great din by offering their wares to the public.

On both sides of the street were shops of every description, the narrow sidewalks being crowded with merchandise.

Along the outer edge of the street were open air eating booths, some of them containing large bell shaped kettles under which were fires heating the contents of square pieces of meat, garlic and potatoes, this was mixed with water sending up an odorous vapor. Men were crowded around these booths elbowing one another to get a place at the narrow board counter to order a bowl of this mixture. Removing the cash from a string dangling at their side, they settle for their purchase, take up a pair of chop sticks and devour the food with a relish.

There were also other booths containing articles of food familiar to the native for sale here.

Crowding the streets were hundreds of venders offering silks, furs and clothing of every variety.

The little party often found it difficult to make their way through the crowded thoroughfares.

They sometimes passed long rows of tonsorial chairs occupied by men whose heads would shine under the skillful touch of the razor.

In passing open air picture shows with musical attractions it was almost impossible to hear one another speak. Around these would be crowded hundreds waiting for a chance to pass along the stalls to look in through the square glass openings at the painted pictures arranged to display them to the best advantage.

After more than an hour's walking through this crowded street, they left it and turned into a nar-

rower one packed more densely with humanity than the first.

Miss Wood shuddered as they passed groups of thinly clad men, with dull expressionless faces, many of them having on filthy, tattered garments.

Wing explained, that this street was the wonder of the city.

It was situated near the Emperor's palace containing millions of wealth, and yet under the shadow of the very walls surrounding it were thousands on the verge of starvation, with scarcely clothing enough to cover them, some of their faces covered with ugly sores, showing agonized suffering.

They walked by narrow streets or passages scarcely wide enough to permit two persons to travel side by side.

"This is the floating population," said Wing, "Thousands passing to and fro have no homes. They pick up what few crumbs they can gather; when this means fail they are driven to desperation, they steal anything that is before them, and, then there is the result. He had pointed his finger to a post at the edge of the walk, with a wooden arm from which was suspended a net holding a human head.

That poor victim, he said, with a slight tremor in his voice was perhaps yesterday roving the street, driven by circumstances to commit a deed causing the sharp blade of the executioner to sever his head

from the body. Some days hundreds are thus dispatched for trying to keep life in their bodies.

We have no prisons, but the blade of the executioner is kept dyed red, while his long apron is spotted with stains from the innocent.

"Miss Wood," he exclaimed, "that is why your religion appeals to me, it places a high value on human life."

As Stanley heard his last remark, his face became pale while through his brain whirled the thought that troubled him so much of late, Thou shalt not kill.

Margaret noticed his changed expression and wondered what had come over this stalwart soldier, if he who had braved so many dangerous positions, would be frightened at the severed head dangling before them.

Next they passed a post with a man stripped to the waist and lashed fast with outstretched arms. This punishment is meted out for a less serious crime. Perhaps this victim will stand in this position in the cold with half-naked body until he is partly frozen. Then after gaining his freedom, he is without means to provide food to warm up his half frozen body, in this crazed condition he siezes anything before him, and there is another victim for the executioner.

They now enter a street leading through Imperial City. This was less crowded and Stanley asked if they cared to enter the park to see the Budda monu-

ment. As they all said they would like this very much, the Sergeant approached the guard stationed at a gateway a short distance from the street who permitted them to pass in.

The park was clothed in winter apparel, under the bare trees lay beds of brown leaves which had let go of their summer fastenings as the cold blasts forced the sap down into the roots beneath the soil, depriving them of the nutriment which kept them green under the warm, tender smile of the summer sun.

They followed a gravelled pathway leading to an elevated spot in front of a large deserted Budda temple, the ministering priest having fled with the Emperor.

In front of this stood a wonderful monument dedicated to Budda. On its top was the figure with its crossed feet, while encircling it from top to bottom were over nine hundred heads, denoting the far reaching branches of Buddhism.

The Chinese girl trembled as Wing said, "Do you know what it would mean if I were to be discovered here by one of the priests?"

"The chances are, my head would be dangling in a net suspended from the gateway, where we passed yonder guard, as these grounds are held sacred."

Mue Sang looked at her friend Margaret with a frightened expression and requested that they leave the place.

This they did, and after a short walk they turned into a narrow street and soon reached the home of Mue.

Her relatives were expecting them, as they had prepared hot tea, a custom practiced all over the country.

After Wing and Stanley were introduced they seated themselves upon a wooden bench near a small clay stove, heating the plainly furnished room used for sleeping, cooking, eating and all general household purposes.

At the farther end of the room with its earth floor was built a long flat fireplace with two or three draughts; over this was the family bed, upon which were seated four or five small children. Upon the face of the youngest, a child about three years of age, could be discerned lines of suffering.

Mue took the little girl on her lap and examined the tiny feet that had been bound many months before.

With strenuous effort she had persuaded her relatives to unbind the small delicate feet, preventing their growth, a custom practiced to make the women of this land look more refined and which had also caused millions of little children to suffer for years, and even go through life in a crippled condition for the sake of society. The girl looked at her relatives seated about the room, who were anxiously waiting to begin.

After prayer was offered by Mue, Margaret began the reading in Chinese. They all understood except Stanley, he being able to follow them as Wing interpreted the references in English.

The adults of the home had signified their intention of becoming Sabbath keepers, so they took up a study on baptism.

We will all please turn to Mat. 28 verse 16 and first of all see what commission God gave His disciples. Miss Wood read, the others repeating it together afterward.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

You see by this they were sent out to all nations to baptize, which was to last until the end of the world as you will read in verse 20 of the same chapter.

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world, Amen.

The apostles taught for everyone to be baptized.

We will next read Acts 2: 38.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Wing then asked Miss Wood how this baptism was given.

We will read John 1: 26 and see how John baptized.

John answered them saying, I baptize with water, but there standeth one among you whom ye know not.

To show where John usually baptized we will read Mat. 3: 5 and 6.

Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan

And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

Now we will read John 3: 23 and see that John baptized where there was plenty of water.

And John also was baptizing in Enon near to Salim because there was much water there, and they came and were baptized.

Stanley now asked how many kinds of baptism there were: You know, Miss Wood, nearly every denomination has a different way of baptizing.

I think Eph. 4: 5 will explain this very pointedly. One Lord, one Faith, one baptism.

You see by this, Mr. Stanley, there is only one true baptism, now we might learn if this takes place in water. Mat. 3: 16.

And Jesus when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water; and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him.

Now if it was necessary for Jesus to come up out

of the water after his baptism, we surely would be willing to follow his example.

Acts 8: 36-38, will show us both administrator and candidate go into the water.

And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water and the eunuch said, See here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

Now we will read Acts 2: 38 and learn what the promise was to those who repent and be baptized.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent and be baptized everyone in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Wing asked if the Holy Spirit was given after the baptism.

Margaret then read Luke 3: 21-22.

Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened.

And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven which said, Thou art my beloved Son, in thee I am well pleased.

Also read Acts 8: 12-17. Then we will read Acts

10, 44-47 and see if it was ever given before baptism.

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them that heard the Word.

And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then answered Peter, can any man forbid water that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

“Was it sufficient for them to be baptized with the Spirit?” asked Stanley.

Well, replied Miss Wood, we will read Acts 10: 46-48 and see what is said here.

For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

Then answered Peter, can any man forbid water that these should not be baptized which have received the Holy Ghost?

And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

We will turn to Mat. 3: 1, 2, 7 and 8 and see what should precede baptism.

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

And saying, Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

And when he saw many of the Pharisees and Saddusees come to his baptism he said, O generation of vipers who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance.

Stanley, who had been very much impressed with the reading, spoke up and said, "Miss Wood, this reference undoubtedly shows that baptism alone would not make you right with God."

No, said Miss Wood, we must have repentance first or baptism would be a mock.

You can see by the Acts of the Apostles that repentance precedes baptism. Acts 2: 37, 38.

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their hearts, and said unto Peter, and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren what shall we do?

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

The following reference will show faith also must precede baptism, without faith we cannot believe. Mark 16: 15, 16.

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned. Also read Acts 8: 35- 37.

Wing asked Margaret how a person would get faith.

She read him Romans 10 : 17.

So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

You will find by this next reference, Mr. Wing, this knowledge will be given to children. Deut. 1 : 39.

Moreover your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.

By reading Rom. 6 : 3, 4, 5 we learn of what baptism is a likeness.

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death, that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. Also read Col. 2 : 12.

Now we will learn how soon after conversion baptism may be applied, many thinking it necessary to be on probation for months and months before being baptized.

Stanley winced. "Miss Wood," he asked, "if you were in my position and repented, would you be baptized, thus bringing persecution upon yourself?"

She read from the following Acts 16 : 25-33 :

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God and the prisoners heard them.

And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes and was baptized, he and all his straightway.

Now, Mr. Stanley, you see the jailer and all his family were immediately baptized upon conversion.

I want to read you one reference in Luke 9: 61, 62. And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee, but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

And Jesus said unto him, No man having put his hand to the plough and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God.

Now we will see what those rejected who refused the baptism of John.

I will read from Luke 7: 29, 30.

And all the people that heard him, and the publicans justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John.

But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him.

This shows the Pharisees rejected the counsel of God, by refusing baptism.

Next we will see what those are said to have put on who are baptized. Gal. 3: 27.

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.

We will turn to 1 John 2: 6 and see how they should walk who have put on Christ.

He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk even as he walked.

Now we are said to be baptized into something else. We will read Rom. 6 : 3 and see what it is.

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Let us turn and read Luke 12 : 50 and see if Jesus speaks of his sufferings as baptism.

But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how am I straightened till it be accomplished?

If we would be true followers of Him we will be partakers of this same baptism, let us read Mat. 20 : 23.

And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on my right hand and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.

Also read Phil. 1 : 29 and 2 Tim. 2 : 11, 12.

Miss Wood then closed her Bible, talking with the four or five candidates who expected to be taken into the Church the following Sabbath.

She and Mue had spent many days at the home of the Chinese girl's relatives. It had been very difficult for them to destroy the little family god they had been taught from childhood to look up to and worship.

But the Lord knew these honest hearts, directing his servants to search them out, to prepare a people of every kindred, tongue and nation for the new life.

As it was growing late the little party took their departure, Miss Wood giving them some instructions in their preparation for the next Sabbath.

They took a different route returning. At Chin street they passed Dr. Westfield in his rikasha, with two sturdy Chinamen dressed in black, going as fast as their legs could carry them.

He recognized the party by bowing and tipping his hat to the ladies.

"Miss Wood," said Stanley, "I have never been able to bring myself to ride in one of those rikashas. It makes me feel as though I would be making a beast of burden out of humanity."

She answered him, "We never travel in this manner at the mission, and always teach our members against such a practice. If we are truly humble we will never commit a deed to make others feel beneath us. We have the example of our Saviour in humbleness. This we use in our church ordinances."

As they were walking along a quiet street she opened her Bible to John 13, and read to him from verse two, finishing with verse 17. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

I have always felt this way, she said, if we believe a thing and teach it, it is our duty to practice this and live it out.

Upon arriving at the mission, they found the Elder already there.

After greeting them he said, I hope you have had

a pleasant afternoon. My wife has been telling me of your visit with Margaret and Mue.

"Elder Wood," replied Stanley, "I have fully made up my mind this afternoon to keep the Sabbath.

"Your sister has been telling me, you have several candidates to be taken into your church next Sabbath. If you wish you may consider me a candidate also."

Wing glanced at the Sergeant's face, that had taken on an expression he had never seen there before.

He moved restlessly in his chair a second or two, then removing a small knife from his pocket, he began with decision to cut off the long nail of the little finger that had been polished and cherished from childhood as a mark of superstition.

Then removing the long string of beads from about his neck, he deliberately tossed them into the fire, where they sputtered and hissed, while the Elder and Stanley looked at one another in astonishment.

"Elder Wood," he said, "I wish to become a candidate also."

The Elder's reply was, "Let us pray."

The three men bowed before the Heavenly Father, while the angels of mercy heralded the glad tidings for the great victory just won.

Mrs. Wood and Margaret hesitated at the door, as they looked in upon the scene.

After the prayers were finished they were told of the decision made by the two men, and upon urgent invitation, Wing and Stanley remained for supper, this bringing up a conversation on the diet.

Elder Wood suggested they have a short reading on Health and Temperance. There is no greater problem before the public today than this.

Now to first show how God regards the health of his people I will read 3 John 2.

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper, and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

The next text shows how eating and drinking should be done. 1 Cor. 10 : 31.

Whether, therefore, ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

I think it will be well to learn how much of our person is affected by Bible religion.

We will read 1 Cor. 6 : 19, 20.

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's. Also read 1 Thes. 5 : 23.

Now we find our bodies are the temple of God.

Let us turn to 1 Cor. 3, verses 16 and 17.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you?

If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

I will read Dan. 1: 8 and show you the body can be defiled by food.

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

We will now see what sort of food Daniel requested. Read verse twelve of the same chapter.

Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat and water to drink.

Almost everyone knows this pulse is similar to beans or lentils. Do you believe, Stanley, that you could receive strength enough on a vegetable diet to perform your duties as a soldier?

"Well, Elder," he replied, "I scarcely believe I could, we soldiers think our strength is all derived from meat."

By reading Dan. 1: 10 we will see what his experience was.

And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink; for why should he see your faces worse looking than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king.

Dan. 1 : 15 shows us the result.

And at the end of the ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than of the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

Now we will learn what the scriptures say of those who strive for the mastery, and the Elder read 1 Cor. 9 : 24, 25.

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run that ye may obtain.

And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things, Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

This reference shows men who strive for the mastery do it for a crown which is corruptible; now we want to see what the apostle Paul did for an incorruptible. 1 Cor. 9 : 26, 27.

I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air.

But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Now it will be well for us at this point to learn what diet God originally intended for man. Gen. 1 : 29.

And God said, Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed, to you it shall be for meat.

Now we will see what sort of flesh God forbid man to eat or even touch. Deut. 14: 8.

And the swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it is unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh nor touch their dead carcass.

A low whistle issued from the lips of Stanley, while Wing and the Elder looked at him with a smile.

Pork is one of our principal foods, we use it in emergency and out of emergency.

Brother Stanley, you will find after trying a vegetable and fruit diet you will never think of reverting to flesh eating again.

I will try to show you the physical uncleanness recognized before the time of the Jews. Gen. 7: 1 and 2.

And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female; and of the beasts that are not clean by two, male and his female.

Now the apostle Peter shows that his vision was not designed to inform him that there was any change in the physical fitness of the various animals for food, but to teach him that he should make no distinction in men. We will read Acts 10: 28.

And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is

an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

We will next see what the Lord says about those who profess to be holy and yet eat swine's flesh, by reading Isa. 65: 4, 5.

Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh and broth of abominable things is in their vessels.

Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me, for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.

Wing then asked, what would become of those who continued to eat the swine flesh.

The scripture is very explicit on this said the Elder and he began reading Isa. 66: 15, 16, 17.

For behold, the Lord will come with fire and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh and the slain of the Lord shall be many.

They that sanctify themselves and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the Lord.

The Lord had a special object in changing the diet of his people of Israel.

We will read Deut. 8 : 3 to learn what this is.

And he humbled thee and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know ; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.

CHAPTER VI.

WALKING IN THE LIGHT.

The morning following the last visit to the mission, Robert Stanley lay on his canvas cot in the temple quarters. The early morning light was growing stronger outside and began creeping in through the lattice windows, so as to outline two rows of cots similar to his own, that extended along either side of the wide room in which he slept.

First call for reveille was apt to sound any moment.

Several of his comrades had begun stirring about under their heavy blankets, like himself waiting for the first note of the bugle to call them out for their day's duty.

This was the first morning since he had decided to walk in the Light which the Lord had spread about for all who choose to be guided by its wonderful rays. Yes, he said to himself, I must begin this new day with prayer, and yet he shuddered at the thought of his comrades seeing him.

He had not prayed since a child at his mother's knee, or just before crawling into his little trundle bed.

Would it not be just as well to pray and ask God's blessing as he lay there, the Lord could hear him just the same.

This great reader of hearts would know his supplication was honest. Then he could evade the jeers of his comrades, while into his mind crept the text of Phil. 4: 6.

Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Be careful for nothing; was he being careful? Yes, he was trying to hide his true motives. His square jaws twinged slightly and he thought "Satan, get thee hence."

The bugle call rang in his ears bringing him out of his bunk immediately. With deliberation he dressed himself, then kneeling by his cot he began. The only words coming to his mind were the Lord's Prayer, and this he spoke out clear and distinct.

Our Father which art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come

Thy will be done,

In earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts

As we forgive our debtors,

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom, and the power
and the glory

Forever. Amen.

This was probably the first prayer ever offered up to God from this temple of superstition.

The score and a half of men who slept in the room with Stanley, looked at their Sergeant as though they thought him bereft of his senses. Not one said a word until he had risen to his feet and descended to the room below, when some whistled, others laughed, and an old timer, who had served many enlistments, exclaimed with a sneer on his dissipated face, "Well, the Sergeant must surely be joss struck." Then came the breakfast. The men lined up with their mess plates to receive their allotment of rations.

Stanley could see the cook passing out long slices of bacon, swimming in grease, while into his mind flashed, Nor shalt thou touch its dead carcass.

As he passed before the cook, that worthy had two large slices already upon his fork, but Stanley refused this, accepting some bread and potatoes.

He passed on by the large coffee boiler, where the cook's helper stood waiting to serve him with a dipper of black, steaming coffee.

Stanley passed him by, the man calling out, "You have forgotten your coffee, Sergeant."

"Not any this morning, John," he replied and filled his tin cup from a bucket containing cold water.

He found a seat at the temporary table that had been arranged for their comfort at meal time. The others were seated about talking and laughing, many of them leaving their hats upon their heads, but they ceased their conversation as the Sergeant

removed his hat, and placing his food before him, bowed his head and asked God to bless it for its intended uses. He took little part in their conversation, as he ate, but once when the old timer, who sat opposite, repeated an oath of blasphemy for Stanley's special benefit, the Sergeant spoke in a gentle tone, "Jim, thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain."

Stanley had rather unconsciously repeated the third commandment.

The old fellow laughed at him gleefully, replying in return, "Sergeant, thou shalt not kill."

Stanley sighed and prayed in his heart.

Next came the morning drill when it was his duty to reprove some for the lack of interest taken in their hour's exercise.

He, who had formally been a strict drill master, said not a word in reproof and as they halted for a few minutes' rest, the men whispered to one another of the Sergeant's changed condition.

As the officers of this troop were all on staff duty, it had fallen to Sergeant Stanley's lot to command the second platoon of his troop, the body being divided for escort duty.

As Stanley had been an obedient soldier, he filled this position well; but this morning as he sat astride his faithful steed he wondered what would be the outcome of his changed life.

He could hear his comrades' low remarks. Yes, he

surely must have put off the old man and taken on the new.

He would trust completely in the Lord, come what may.

The Sabbath came upon the weekly inspection day; how would he be able to be excused from this weekly duty?

He knew he could secure a pass to be absent from one inspection, but after this he knew it would be impossible to be excused.

He well knew under the strict discipline of the army it meant his reduction from the position of Sergeant to the ranks, then later the guard house for refusing to perform duty, then again it may all terminate with a dishonorable discharge from the service.

Had he done right, should he go on, he thought as he patted the glossy neck of Tom, his faithful animal, who turned his head at his master's gentle touch.

Again his thoughts went back to the text Margaret Wood had read to him. Any man having put his hand to the plough and turning back hath no place in the kingdom of God.

Yes, he would go on come what would.

As the end of the week approached, Stanley became more devoted; trusting fully in the Lord it was easier for him to pray.

He applied for the pass to excuse him from in-

spection on the Sabbath and after much difficulty, it had been granted.

On the preparation day he brushed his clothes and had everything in readiness for the morrow, and as the sun sank from view in the west he proceeded to his bunk in the sleeping room, where he bowed on his knees to praise the Lord for having placed the desire in his heart to obey the commandments and keep holy the Sabbath day, after this he read Ez. 20, verse 20 seeming a comfort to him. And hallow my Sabbaths, and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God.

On the following morning he arose and while at the stable feeding his horse, Wing put in his appearance.

As they walked along together he said, "Well, Brother Wing, how has it been with you?"

"O, Brother Stanley, I have never known what happiness was until this week. Surprising to say at my uncle's home they have done everything to encourage me in my efforts to serve the Lord and keep holy the Sabbath day.

"I am also excused from work today in the office where I am employed."

Stanley then gave Wing an account of his week's experience.

At the mission they were greeted by Elder Wood and family and the brethren.

This day being the quarterly meeting service, the

Elder invited them to partake of the church ordinances.

The services were opened with song and prayer, the subject then taken up was The Third Angel's Message found in Rev. 14: 9, 10.

And the third angel followed them saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand

The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.

Next we will turn to Rev. 14: 14 and learn what the next event was that followed this message.

And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

Now we will try and get a description of this beast that the angel warned man not to worship. Rev. 13.

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

And the beast which I saw like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear; and his

mouth as the mouth of a lion; and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death, and his deadly wound was healed; and all the world wondered after the beast.

And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast; and they worshipped the beast saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them; and power was given him over all kindred, and tongues and nations.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

To see what is given that we may further identify this power we will read Rev. 13: 18.

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man: and his number is six hundred three score and six.

It is claimed, spoke the Elder, this number is found on the Papal crown in the vatican. You will

notice this verse refers to those having understanding to count, and it is said these words *Vicarius Filei Dei* written on the crown when counted in Latin numerals tally with the numbers here given 666. We believe this same power is described in Dan. 7: 23-25.

Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down and break it in pieces.

And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise; and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws; and they shall be given into his hand until time and times and the dividing of time. Also 2 Thes. 2: 3-10.

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition.

Who opposeth and exalted himself above all that is called God, of that is worshipped: so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

And then shall that wicked be revealed, who the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.

Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders.

And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

Daniel made it plain what this power would think to do in clause three of Daniel 7: 25. And think to change times and laws. To show what part of God's law relates to time we will read Ex. 20: 8-11.

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work. But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.

Now the Bible speaks of the conflicts with this beast as seen by Rev. 13: 7; 15: 2.

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindred and tongues and nations.

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image and over his mark, and

over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

We will turn to Rev. 13: 11 and learn what else was seen by John.

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth: and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

We will read verses 14 and 15 of the same chapter and see what this beast was to do.

And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast: saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

We find the fourth commandment shows God's authority and to show his mark, sign and seal upon this law we will read Ex. 31: 16, 17.

It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon Mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

In addition to the worship of the true God, what does the fourth commandment require? We will read Ex. 23: 12.

Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid and the stranger, may be refreshed.

To show what the earth will do when the inhabitants observe a time or day of rest we will read Lev. 25: 1-4.

And the Lord spake unto Moses in Mount Sinai, saying:

Speak unto the children of Israel and say unto them. When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a Sabbath unto the Lord.

Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard and gather in the fruit thereof.

But in the seventh year shall be a Sabbath of rest unto the land, a Sabbath for the Lord: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.

Also read 2 Chron. 36: 21.

The expression of the prophet shows the effects of those who worship the first beast.

We will read Rev. 13: 12.

And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

Now we will read and see what is threatened to those who refuse to worship the beast or his image. Rev. 13: 15-17.

And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand or in their forehead.

And that no man might buy or sell save he that had the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. To those who worship the beast and his image are threatened with the wrath of God poured out without mixture as seen in the third angel's message.

Now we should not fear to disobey the powers of earth, but we should fear to disobey God. Acts 5: 29.

Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, we ought to obey God rather than man.

We will read Rev. 15: 1 and see what the un-mixed wrath of God is to be.

And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues: for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

We will see with what God's wrath has been mingled in the past. Heb. 3: 2.

O Lord, I have heard thy speech and was afraid;
O Lord revive thy work in the midst of the years,

in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

We will see if Christ's mediation ceases just before his second coming to the earth by reading Rev. 22: 11, 12.

He that is unjust let him be unjust still and he that is filthy let him be filthy still and he that is righteous let him be righteous still, and he that is holy let him be holy still.

And behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

We will try and discover now what becomes of the beast and the false prophet and all those who worship them. Rev. 19, 20.

And the beast was taken and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Now we will learn what is to become of those who overcome the beast in Rev. 15: 2.

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire, and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

What song will be sung at this time? Rev. 15: 3.

And they sung the song of Moses the servant of

God and the song of the Lamb, saying great and marvelous are thy works, O Lord, God Almighty; just and true are thy ways thou king of saints.

We will learn now how those give the third angel's message here described by reading Rev. 14: 12.

Here is the patience of the saints, here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

As the Elder finished his subject, he said, as this is the time for our quarterly meeting I will read from John 13: 2-17.

And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son to betray him,

Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God.

He riseth from supper and laid aside his garments and took a towel and girded himself.

After that he poured water into a bason and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

Then cometh he to Simon Peter and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter.

Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my

feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not thou hast no part with me.

Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not to save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit; and ye are clean, but not all.

For he knew who should betray him; therefore, said he, ye are not all clean.

So after he had washed their feet and had taken his garments and was set down again he said unto them, knew ye what I have done to you?

Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

If I then your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

Verily, verily I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither is he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

Now as we perform this service of humility, let our hearts be in it.

Jesus set us this example of humbleness. This lonely Galilean, who was born in a manger and then just before being offered up as a sacrifice taught this lesson of humbleness to his disciples, who were contending with each other for the high-

est position in the earthly kingdom they thought he was about to set up.

We are his disciples today. Is there strife and contention among us?

As we wash one another's feet let us make an open confession if we have any grievence toward each other; let us be charitable and ever ready to forgive.

As they separated, the men went to another room, while Mrs. Wood took charge of the ladies. As Stanley knelt before the Elder to wash his feet, a spirit of rest and love came over his soul; a love that removed all traces of hatred and animosity against all who had been his enemies, and against all humanity. Oh, Lord, he prayed in his heart, keep me thus humble before thee always.

As he arose the Elder with a word of prayer on his lips, printed a kiss on his cheek as a token of love.

After this ordinance was finished they returned to the chapel, where Elder Wood again read 1 Cor. 11: 23.

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread.

And when he had given thanks, he break it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped saying, This cup is the new

testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Wherefore, whosoever shall eat this bread and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup.

For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to himself not discerning the Lord's body.

For this cause many are weak and sickly among you and many sleep.

As the bread was passed around and later the wine, Stanley prayed he might be a worthy partaker.

After the ceremony was concluded, Elder Wood read the names of those to be taken into the church. These he called to occupy the front seats, where he questioned them in regard to their willingness to give up everything and live only for the Lord.

Are you willing to refrain from all loathsome habits, harmful to your body, such as intoxicating liquors, chewing or smoking tobacco, also the use of powerful drugs? He next asked if they would give up eating foods that were a detriment to the health, as eating pork and all other flesh forbidden in the Bible.

The next question, was, if they were ready to give

up all unnecessary adornment as wearing jewelry and expensive dress, which was apt to cause envy.

Now they must give up all social habits, such as card playing, theater going, dancing and other useless amusements, having a tendency to draw their minds away from God.

Another thing I would like to impress upon your minds is, any stimulant weakens the mind, one should refrain from using tea, coffee, peppers or strong spices of any kind. As all the candidates expressed their willingness to comply with these rules, each candidate was then voted on by the company, they being elected into the church subject to baptism.

After the benediction had been pronounced they proceeded to a small canal running into the city from the south.

As Stanley entered the water he felt the impressiveness of this ceremony.

On the bank stood the company with song books in hand.

The day was a very pleasant one for this season, but now as the sun was passing rapidly toward the western horizon the air was turning colder.

A large crowd had collected about to witness this strange proceeding.

The company then sang, "The waters are troubled," and Stanley thought the angels must surely be near witnessing this scene, then recording it in the heavenly courts above.

As the singing ceased, Elder Wood offered up a short prayer, after this he said, "Brother Robert Stanley I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Amen," and Stanley was placed under the water completely.

After all the candidates had undergone the same ceremony they separated to go quietly to their homes and remain until the close of the Sabbath, marked by the going down of the sun.

CHAPTER VII.

THE ESCORT OF THE EMPEROR.

Seated in Prince Wing's large sitting room of his richly furnished home were three men holding council together.

After days of strenuous effort these representatives of the Emperor reached an agreement with the foreigners encamped about their city.

The Prince was addressing the noted Chinese statesman and diplomat, Sir, our treaty has been drafted; I think it would be well for us to send a copy to his Majesty. I have received a communication from the Court saying the Emperor is anxiously awaiting a peace settlement. The Court is getting impatient to return home.

Well, replied the diplomat, I cannot see any reason why they should not begin preparations at once.

At this juncture the Prince related his experience with the foreign soldiers upon his return to the capital.

I have been planning in my mind some way to prevent such a complication when the Court makes its return.

You know how irritable the Dowager is; if there was to be such an offence committed the Emperor's

guards would be ordered to resent it, and of course you can surmise what the result would be.

It would mean the disruption of our government, the division of our great country by the foreign powers.

They all sat silently for a few moments their faces drawn in anxiety as the Prince had pictured the very thing that had bothered them most.

The diplomat suggested an escort of one of the foreign powers. But this is liable to cause trouble in another way.

You know these foreign officers are very pompous and would be very likely to overstep their authority, and in this manner cause complications.

We would not require a guard of more than twenty-five or thirty men, but their leader should be a sensible, honest man.

A smile lighted up the Prince's face as Sergeant Stanley came into his mind.

Through his nephew he was familiar with Stanley's late experience. He admired the soldier for the step he had taken, knowing in his own heart that a man who was honest enough to stand by his convictions could be trusted anywhere.

He related his nephew's experience to them and after much discussion they decided to appeal to the American Commander for Stanley and his platoon, to act as escort to the Emperor.

When Prince Wing presented his plan to the stalwart, determined looking officer, the General hesi-

tated for more than a day. He proposed sending an officer in command, but the Prince refused.

I do not care to take the risk of sending a sergeant on a mission of this kind, explained the general. In case complications should arise the blame would be upon my shoulders. I do not feel as though a sergeant would be competent to cope with the difficulties that would be likely to arise in a case of this kind.

The Prince and associates then appealed to the foreign minister, who after a few minutes' council with the officer secured the order detailing Stanley upon this escort.

Just two days before Stanley's second Sabbath in the Truth, an orderly called him before the Commanding General, who eyed him sharply as he stood with hat in hand and saluted. The general sized him up from head to foot, this being the first time the manly looking soldier had ever been brought to his notice.

He outlined the duty upon which he was being sent, and admonished him time after time to be careful so as not to cause any complications. You will be absolutely in charge of this escort, Stanley, he said, so see to it that you do not bring disgrace upon your government.

Make out your requisition for six or seven months' rations and draw extra clothing for your men, and see to it that they are kept neat and clean. I understand the country through which you will travel is

well supplied with grain and hay, so you may draw on the quartermaster for funds to buy feed for your animals.

As the officer dismissed him, he walked back to his quarters, his mind in a whirl. The way of the Lord is really wonderful, he thought, here I have been troubling my mind how to avert breaking the Sabbath, and now everything is smoothed away in an instant. Upon reaching his bunk he bowed on his knees and thanked God for having made clear the way that he might serve him as had been commanded from on high.

Then there was a busy day before him, seeing that everything was made ready for their start on the morrow.

Later in the day Wing came to him a little excited, telling of his uncle having secured his services to act as interpreter and carry a copy of the treaty to the Emperor.

We will be gone six or seven months and by that time, Brother Stanley, you will have your discharge.

It is plain to me, Brother Wing, that the Lord is directing this movement.

Yesterday I was troubled about keeping the Sabbath, today everything is cleared before me. This has learned me a lesson to put more trust in God.

Yes, replied Wing, Mat. 6: 34, covers your experience very well, and he quoted.

Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for

the morrow shall take thought for the thing itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

In the evening after everything was in readiness for their journey, Stanley and Wing called at the mission.

The Elder and family were greatly surprised to learn of their hasty departure from the city. They all bowed in a prayer of thanksgiving for the act of Providence, which had relieved Stanley from refusing to perform duty on the Sabbath.

After inquiring the route they would take, the Elder decided to accompany them twelve miles to another city where, he would remain over the Sabbath with one of his workers.

Stanley planned to make this his first halt, so they arranged several bundles of tracts printed in Chinese, to be distributed whenever the opportunity would arise, this giving them an opening to perform a little missionary work.

On the following morning Stanley lined up his platoon for inspection.

The General came out to see that they were properly equipped for the service before them. After inspecting the horses and men in full field equipment, he went over the five or six large wagons containing their supplies. Then admonishing Stanley to act cautiously, the Sergeant saluted him and rode away. They stopped at the home of the Prince and found young Wing in readiness.

He was mounted upon a well kept Chinese pony,

while in two neatly covered carts were supplies his uncle had provided for his journey.

The Prince came out to give them some instructions and after bidding him good-bye they rode away through the northwest gate, where Elder Wood jointed them, riding in a two-wheeled covered cart.

Wing and Stanley rode at the head of the little column.

The most severe weather of winter had passed and the twittering of birds denoted the early signs of coming spring.

In the bare branches of the tall trees, surrounding small villages, magpies could be heard squawking out sharp notes as if scolding one another.

Oftentimes large flocks of crows would fly by cawing in their aerial flight.

Stanley now noticed a new covering adorned Wing's head, that the little round fez had disappeared and when his friend adjusted his soft felt hat, he saw the long queue was also absent.

They passed a large camel train, laden with nuts and furs from the mountains of Mongolia. The bells about their long, crooked necks would clatter as their big, fat feet would strike the earth, causing their long, double humped bodies to sway in awkward motion.

As the neatly shod animals of Stanley's company passed them, they would shy to the opposite side of the highway and opening their mouths, would utter

loud, screeching bellows as their bright eyes flashed in alarm. The leader stopped and bowed his head three or four times to the ground in salute.

This is quite a large caravan, spoke Stanley, as he looked far up the highway at the long string of brown covered, ugly shaped bodies, as they bobbed up and down with two baskets on either side, containing their heavy burdens.

Yes, replied Wing, this belongs to my uncle, he has many such caravans as this supplying the markets of the city.

In our country, Brother Stanley, we measure a man's wealth by the number of camels he owns.

After the caravan had passed, they stopped to give the animals a short rest, the men also dismounting to the ground to rest their limbs. Then mounting their steeds the little column moved on in the direction of the mountains, which grew nearer and nearer at each halt.

They passed many vehicles, some of them causing Stanley to smile at their odd rigging.

Sometimes two or three undersized mules in tandem fashion, one before the other, equipped with rope harness, their drivers urging them forward eager to cover the ground faster.

Following these were men mounted on small donkies, seated far back on the rump with their legs extending diagonally towards the front, their feet stuck into two rope stirrups extending over the shoulders of the little undersized animals, who

moved along slowly, shaking their long ears as though trying to keep time to the patter of their hoofs as they beat on the ground.

After this came a wheelbarrow with a wheel in the center about five feet in height. This odd looking vehicle was stacked with vegetables ready for the city market. In front of it rigged in rope harness going over their shoulders were two men in tandem, one before the other.

Their brows were moistened with perspiration and their faces red from exertion. In the rear was another man holding two large handles in both hands; over his shoulders was a yoke to assist in balancing the ungainly looking trap.

As the wheel revolved it uttered loud screeches as if playing a tune for their feet to move by.

They would meet groups of pedestrians, who would look at them in wonder; perhaps this being the first time they had ever seen such curious looking animals and vehicles as this column contained.

On reaching the small city they pitched their tents just outside the gateway. Stanley had all preparations made for the Sabbath, and as the sun disappeared behind the mountains, he, Wing and the Elder held their worship in the tent Stanley had arranged for himself and Wing to occupy on their trip.

He secured a cot and placed it in the tent for the Elder to sleep on.

After the opening services were over the Elder

pointed out many instructive lessons in the scripture.

The next day, Stanley's men wondered at him laying over, and that they were excused from all duties except caring for their animals. Some of his comrades accompanied them to a compound inside the city wall, where a company of believers of the Truth awaited patiently for Elder Wood to appear.

After the Sabbath school was over the Elder asked if there was any particular subject they would like to study.

His worker proposed they have a reading on the second coming of Christ.

Wood then began. Jesus made a promise in reference to again returning to this earth. Now let us turn to John 14: 1-6 and read.

Let not your heart be troubled, Ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

And whither I go ye know and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me.

We will now turn and read Acts 1: 9, and see in what manner he will come again.

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up: and a cloud received him out of their sight.

And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold two men stood by them in white apparel.

Which also said, Ye men of Galilee why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

We will now see what shall first take place on earth at his second coming. 1 Thes. 4:16-17.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

We will try and learn what awaits the wicked at this time. 2 Thes. 1:7-9.

And to you who are troubled, rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels.

In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who shall be punished with everlasting destruc-

tion from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.

Will the Lord come upon anyone unawares? We will read 1 Thes. 5: 1-3.

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child: and they shall not escape.

The following reference shows that those who are not in darkness will be overtaken in this manner. 1 Thes. 5: 4.

But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

We find by the following texts that wonderful signs are given before this event takes place. Luke 21: 25-26.

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars: and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring.

Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

It will be well for us to learn where the first signs will be seen. Verse 25.

And there shall be signs in the sun and in the

moon, and in the stars: and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring.

Now if this sign was to be in the sun, moon and stars, we will learn how it was to be given. Mat. 24: 29.

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.

We learn by history that this event has taken place.

The tribulation, or persecution of those days referred to the terrible persecutions and martyrdoms of Rome, which ended about 1773, when the order of the Jesuits was abolished.

Immediately, or soon after the tribulation the sun was to be darkened.

The sun and moon were miraculously darkened May 19, 1780. Found in Josiah Litch, Milo Bostwick's and Whitter in Facts for the Times, pages 65-70 (new edition); also Webster's Dictionary article Dark Day.

The stars fell Nov. 13, 1833. See extracts from Prof. Olmstead and Henry Dana Ward, in Facts for the Times, pages 70-72.

We will now turn to Rev. 6: 13 for how the stars were to fall.

And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even

as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

When these things come to pass the redemption is drawing near. Luke 21: 28.

And when these things begin to come to pass then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh.

There is something else we should know by these signs in Luke 21: 31.

So likewise when ye see these things come to pass, knew ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

Now no one knows the day or the hour of His coming says Mat. 24: 36.

But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

Jesus showed by a parable the position that should be taken at this time, Mat. 24: 32-33.

Now learn a parable of the fig tree: When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh.

So likewise ye when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

He gave an assurance to the generation which should see these signs and learn this parable. We will read verse 34 and 35 of the same chapter.

Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

To prove to you this generation was not the one of Christ's time we will read Luke 11: 29.

And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it; but the sign of Jonas the prophet.

Will there be any people looking for the Lord's coming? Heb. 9: 28.

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Also read Isa. 25: 9.

The Lord promises a blessing for those who look for Him in Luke 12: 37.

Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching; verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

The Lord admonishes us to take heed lest He comes unawares. Luke 21: 34-36.

And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that

shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

We should live righteously in anticipation of His coming. Titus 2: 11-13.

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.

Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world. Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

My good brethren, spoke Elder Wood, we should live every minute of our lives as though the Lord were coming right now. What will we be doing when Jesus comes? He should be continually before us.

The reading being finished they proceeded back to the camp, and after the sun had sunk in the west, service was held to mark the close of another Sabbath day.

CHAPTER VIII.

AT THE COURT.

On Sunday morning, the first day of the week, as the sun rose bright and clear Stanley and his men lowered their tents and packed them away in the large wagons.

His men, some of whom had served in the army for years where the first day of the week had been recognized as a day of rest, wondered at this strange procedure.

Upon discussing it amongst themselves they came to the conclusion that Stanley was master of the situation. He was his own commanding officer, and could use his own judgment until after he returned to the camp.

They had admired the plainly dressed, pleasant faced man who stood conversing with the Chinaman Wing, as they watched and commented upon the fine manner the tents had been placed into the wagons. It did not seem possible to them that the large, brown canvas coverings could be rolled so neatly and placed out of sight in such a short space of time.

As the bugle sounded assembly the men formed in line before the Sergeant, each holding the bridle rein of his horse in the left hand.

At a command from their leader they were all seated in their saddles together.

Stanley then approached the Elder leading his horse behind him; holding out his hand the Elder said, "may God bless you all and keep you in His care."

"Pray for us," replied Stanley, as he and Wing rode away leaving Wood to return home alone.

The little column proceeded towards the mountains passing the summer palace of the Emperor, around which were pacing sentries of the foreigner, who saluted as a mark of respect.

Toward mid-day they were in the foot hills near the mountains on their left. At a clear, swift running stream, Stanley halted to rest the animals and prepare some food.

Out of a small village near by, came hundreds of inhabitants to inspect the queer looking travelers.

Wing was plied with questions and after answering them in a kind manner, he soon won the admiration of the gaping crowd. After speaking to them a few minutes of the gospel that Jesus had proclaimed, he passed out many silent messengers printed on neatly folded paper.

In the afternoon sunlight they followed the winding highway that twisted and curved around steep hills covered with green firs and other trees of like variety.

On their left were high mountain peaks with snow-capped tops.

Near the highway they followed was a small city surrounded by a high wall. Back of this upon an elevation were many queer looking structures, constructed in oval shape and stained a bright yellow.

"I wonder what that represents," spoke Stanley.

Wing, who was riding by his side, answered: "Those are the tombs of the Mong Dynasty, who ruled my country for centuries. This ancestral burial ground is no doubt the most noted spot in the kingdom."

Near this place the camp was pitched for the night, Stanley and Wing visiting the tombs before evening sunset.

The next Sabbath, they camped over on a high elevation near the great wall, the two friends holding a short service together to mark the beginning of this holy day.

The men commented much on the Sergeant's strange action of laying over another Saturday, wondering at his liberality in permitting them to go about at their leisure dispensing with all duty except which was absolutely necessary.

He invited them to his tent for worship; he and Wing were much surprised when almost half of his soldiers put in their appearance at the appointed hour.

They sang familiar songs, the men joining in, having learned to sing them in their boyhood days while attending services near their homes.

The Sergeant called upon Wing to pray, who sur-

prised him greatly, as he offered up an earnest appeal to his Maker.

Elder Wood had given Stanley some tracts and he selected one of these as a subject, the title on The Increase of Knowledge and the Signs of the Times.

He read in a clear, steady tone, trusting in the Lord to direct his every thought and action.

What does the prophecy of Daniel promise in reference to the increase of knowledge in the time of the end?

We will read this from our Bibles in Daniel 12: 4. But thou O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end, many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased.

What kind of knowledge is here referred to?

Doubtless religious knowledge; especially respecting the contents of the book of Daniel, and a corresponding increase of scientific knowledge.

Has there been an increase in knowledge sufficiently notable to indicate that we have reached the time of the end?

About a hundred years ago Bibles were so expensive that very few persons were able to secure them; hundreds of dollars being paid for a complete copy.

In many parts of the world men were arraigned for teaching others the scripture. In this age hundreds of thousands of copies are circulated annually.

One can now purchase a New Testament for five cents, or a complete Bible for a quarter.

These are printed in about two hundred and fifty different dialects and languages, and have reached every quarter of the globe.

The Herald of Gospel Liberty, the first religious newspaper, was printed by Elias Smith, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Sept. 1, 1808. Millions of copies of religious papers are now going forth weekly to enlighten the world.

With the increase of spiritual knowledge we find there has been an increase in inventions; appliances have been invented which a century ago would have seemed miraculous.

Why should the world have stood for six thousand years and then these inventions all come up in so short a time? The only reason that can be assigned is that the providence of God so ordered it and gave it as an unmistakable sign of the approaching end.

We see inventions of world wide utility in God's preparation for the end, in Nahum 2: 3-5.

The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet, the chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation and the fir trees shall be terrible shaken.

The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one another in the broad ways: they seem like torches, they shall run like the lightning.

He shall recount his worthies; they shall stumble

in their walk, they shall make haste to the wall thereof, and the defence shall be prepared.

Now we will lay down, what we believe to be some of the essentials, which prepare us for the end.

We believe that Jesus Christ is our creator and redeemer.

We believe the Bible was written by inspired men of God, and that all scripture was given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

This is found in 2 Tim. 3:16.

We believe we will be judged by the law of God given from Mount Sinai, written with His own finger on tables of stone.

We believe the seventh day, Sabbath, given by God in the beginning as a memorial of His creation is the day upon which to rest and worship, and not the first day of the week commonly called Sunday.

We believe in the sleep of the dead until the judgment day, that the righteous wake to everlasting life, and the wages of sin being death, therefore, the wicked shall be forever destroyed.

We believe that baptism by water after conversion shows our willingness to take on Christ.

Repentance representing our minds or inward man, with the water representing the action or putting it as, believing is faith and faith without works is nothing. James 2:22 says:

Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

We believe that Jesus Christ will come again literally; that he will actually come in person to lift up the people who are keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, found in Rev. 14: 12.

Here is the patience of the saints, here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

Stanley finished his reading. He and Wing were careful to follow the instructions the Elder had given them in regard to the beginning and closing of the Sabbath. In this they were faithful.

One day as they drew near their destination, they came in view of the Emperor's soldiers' station, in a prominent position guarding the highway

These troops had retreated from the capital after meeting with defeat at the hands of the foreigners.

They guarded all highways leading into the temporary capital, where the Emperor awaited a settlement that he might again return to his home.

As there was much activity among the guard directly in front of them, Stanley halted his little command, just as a shell fired from a field battery screeched over their heads.

He uttered an earnest prayer to God as he looked frankly at Wing, while "Thou shalt not kill," was constantly before him.

Some of his men had begun nervously pulling at the carbines fastened in a leather boot to the left

pommel of their saddles. The Sergeant called a Corporal from the ranks. "You remain here in command," he said, "until I return."

Wing had taken a small flag his uncle had given him in case of emergency, from the saddle bags upon which he rode. This was their national emblem, one corner having the Emperor's coat of arms, below was a large dragon with wide open mouth in the act of swallowing up the earth.

Stanley's men looked at him in wonder as he removed the pistol and saber that had dangled at his side.

Securing a stick by the wayside Wing fastened the flag while the Sergeant held the stick.

Turning to the Corporal he said, "Do not fire a shot under any circumstance, wait here until I return or give orders to move." He and Wing then started off toward the excited troops, who had fired several more shots in their direction, but these had gone wide of their mark. As the two men neared the little field fort a number of shots were fired from small arms.

Ahead of them they could see an immense flag floating, upon it was the great red dragon. This reminded Stanley of Rev. 12: 9, which reads, And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Surely this must be his stronghold, here he had

established his headquarters of spiritualism to entrap his victims.

Stanley wondered if he would destroy him and his brother by his side.

Would their guardian angel protect them from the attack of the prince of darkness?

Wing walked by his side with a smile of tenderness about his mouth seeming confident that all was well.

As they neared a line of entrenchments at an elevated spot the firing ceased, several men coming out in the highway dressed in blue, a large white figure resembling a ball covered the breast.

Farther back stood a group in uniform of bright, gilded colors, about their waists was encircled the dragon of bright red.

As Wing spoke to them they advanced, and upon recognizing the little flag he carried, they all bowed to the ground, butting their heads repeatedly.

An officer came forward to inspect the pass the Prince had given them. He looked at Stanley suspiciously for a moment, but after Wing had explained their mission he saluted the Sergeant by bowing and butting the ground.

Stanley motioned for his men to come forward, and they passed the outpost of the Emperor's troops.

For days they went by scattered camps of troops who eyed them curiously. Sometimes companies of the banner corps would line up to salute; holding their long banners aloft on high poles.

Upon these long strips of silk were painted large dragons and other hideous looking objects in varieties of colors.

Late one evening they arrived at the high walled city, behind which was the Court, guarded by thousands of soldiers.

The officer who escorted them through the gateway, led them to a large square in the center of the city, where they were requested to wait while he went to consult his general, located in a large compound containing the Emperor's temporary quarters.

He returned in a short time and offered to supply them with quarters nearby.

In respect to the nephew of the Prince and to Stanley, who had been chosen to escort their majesty, the two friends were invited to take up their quarters in a comfortable building inside of the large compound.

Stanley saw that his men were comfortably housed, then he and Wing proceeded to the quarters assigned them. In the morning they arose refreshed by the sleep which comes to strengthen us for our daily duties.

Opening the door they walked out to inhale the morning air and look about them, as night had already advanced when they entered the quarters the evening before.

Around the compound extended a solid wall of buildings. The inside was large and spacious, cover-

ing several acres of ground, being well arranged for convenience and comfort.

This had once been the home of the Tartar Emperors, but after they had conquered their foe beyond the great wall the seat of government had been transferred to the capital city of the plains, hundreds of miles away.

Now when disaster had overtaken the great kingdom, the Emperor had fled back to the home of his ancestors.

Around the outside in small elevated towers, sentries were stationed to guard the precious life of their ruler they were taught to worship.

Stanley and Wing looked about with keen appreciation.

Spring had begun to make its appearance. In the fast budding trees, energetic robins were giving a morning serenade.

In an artificial pond near the center of the ground swans were swimming to and fro enjoying their morning exercise.

This pond was supplied with water from two wells a short distance from its edge. Over them were fancy tiled roofs supported by double standards. The water was drawn in closely woven rattan buckets covered inside and out with a thick coating of yellow paint.

"Let us get our soap and towels and bathe our hands and faces at the well yonder," said Wing.

They made their way to the nearest well from

which extended a trough to the pond; near the edge of the well was a small earthen bowl; this they filled with water, and setting it on the high well curbing, Stanley removed his coat, and after rolling up his sleeves began to wash his face and hands in the clear, cold water, while Wing stood by talking of the beauties that surrounded them.

From a double gateway leading into a smaller enclosure divided by long buildings, came a man almost boyish in appearance.

He was attired in a black silk suit with gold buttons.

On his slim, delicate fingers sparkled expensive gems, and about his neck hung a string of pearl beads.

The head was neatly shaven with the exception of the crown, from which hung a long, black queue, tied on the end with a yellow silk ribbon.

The face was white and smooth as ivory. The padded soles of his footgear made no sound as he came up behind the two men. He approached very near them then stopped and gazed in wonder at Stanley, who was washing the lather from his face and neck. His eyes seemed to take on a look of admiration as he noted the well developed figure in front of him.

Stanley began wiping his face with the towel and Wing stooped to empty the bowl. As he turned he looked into the eyes of the figure behind them; a slight tinge of color overspread the face of the

short, slim man as he bowed slightly, when Wing greeted him in a pleasant manner. When he explained their mission the man's face lighted up with a smile at the mention of Prince Wing's name.

"So you are Prince Wing's nephew," he said in a tone that would indicate poor health, "I am the Emperor."

His majesty looked at Stanley questioningly, the Sergeant had turned, looking him in the face with his frank, brown eyes. His blue flannel shirt was open at the collar, his neck and cheeks aglow with a healthy red color.

Wing introduced the two men, it being necessary to interpret to his majesty, who plied Wing with questions relative to the situation at the capital.

He was informed of the treaty that had been drawn up and when told they possessed a copy of the same, he seemed very much pleased. As they stood talking, a woman passed through the gate advancing toward them. Behind her came two maids.

She was richly attired and adorned with costly jewels.

Her hair was dressed in Tartar fashion with artificial flowers and combs set with the choicest of gems.

She was a very tall woman for her race. Her bold eyes and the facial expression was proof that she was deserving of the title given her, that of being the shrewdest woman in the world.

She stopped a few paces back of the Emperor sizing up the Sergeant from head to foot. As she looked into his face admiration shone from her bold, dark eyes.

Her glance then fell on Wing, conversing with his majesty. Coming a little closer she addressed the Emperor over whose countenance came an expression of fear.

"I am the Dowager," she explained to Wing, who bowed slightly.

"Is this the way you have been taught to salute your ruler?" she asked.

Into Wing's mind came, 'Thou shalt not bow down or worship any likeness that is in the heaven above or that is in the earth beneath.

No, he said to himself, I cannot bow before this being in the manner of worship she expects of me.

She sent one of the maids to summon a guard stationed inside the gateway from whence they had come. He approached her butting his head to the ground.

She had Wing placed under his care, who ordered him to a little prison room where unruly servants were kept; then turning to the stammering, trembling Emperor, asked who Stanley was.

CHAPTER IX.

THE DOWAGER'S TRAP.

The Empress Dowager had been connected with the Court for years. She was once a beautiful girl and at the age of eighteen or nineteen it became her greatest desire to become one of the Emperor's concubines.

Through the help of several relatives having some influence with the Court her desire was satisfied.

From the lowest wife of the Emperor she artfully worked her way into his confidence, until at last his favorite wife was sent down to the harem with her little baby boy; while the Dowager took the place in the palace where her rule was soon felt.

After she had been in the palace several years, the Emperor was one day taken suddenly ill, and in a short time died. The Empress having no children, the power of rulership was placed in her hands as Dowager, until the heir to the kingdom reached his majority.

The small, delicate boy was separated from his mother in the harem and brought into the palace, where he was placed under the influence and direction of this shrewd, unscrupulous woman.

His instructors were men chosen, who were will-

ing to grant her every wish in the training and moulding of this young character.

Being naturally weak physically, the boy was completely under her control and when he assumed the title of Emperor, this woman was practically the ruler.

Not one desire was ever granted without first consulting the Dowager.

It had always been his ambition to study and learn a foreign language, but she had never permitted this wish to be gratified.

She was a spiritualist medium of the highest order, and often the delicate Emperor was shaken with fear, as she would call up the departed spirit of his father, whom she claimed would advise and direct the government affairs.

From this source had the great Boxer movement actually begun, for one day she had suddenly come upon the Emperor seated in an out of the way room reading a large book written in their language.

Upon investigation she discovered he had read it through, as he had also several others that had been secured from a missionary located in the city.

The Emperor had been much affected by this literature which told him of a God, a Creator and Redeemer; it had appealed to him wonderfully, for beneath his breast beat an honest heart.

He had sent out a trusted servant from time to time to secure this literature. This was done secretly, but Satan who ruled the Dowager com-

pletely would not permit the Emperor to follow his inclinations or convictions.

So through the evil spirits the movement was begun to overshadow the little light that had crept into the palace where darkness had reigned for centuries.

The Dowager would not rest until she had entrapped the trusted one who had carried in the books. He was executed at once, and another of her own choice filled his place.

Then from the very Court the great movement against the foreigners was secretly directed by the Dowager.

She would ply the Emperor with her spiritualism, but this became more difficult, as the fire had been kindled in his heart and would not be quenched.

He hungered for more light, but this was not given him; Satan was using every power to prevent the light of the world from entering his stronghold.

Then from all over the world his great agencies were kept busy creating confusion, and drawing his great forces to his headquarters where he turned them against one another to destroy the life, so to prevent the light from shining into their hearts.

He had permitted one conflicting element to drive away the opposing elements, to force out the light which had shone into the palace of darkness.

But through all the confusion there was still a hungering to know more of the truth that had been kindled in his life. As this truth had begun draw-

ing nearer to his temporary home, Satan had made another attempt to drive it back by causing confusion and shedding of blood. In this attempt, however, he was defeated for the little expedition had passed by his outpost with very little opposition.

But the mode of warfare had been changed; the attack was now being made directly through the Dowager.

The Emperor began explaining to her what Wing had told him concerning that which had brought him and Stanley to the Court.

At the mention of the Prince's name a changed expression came over her face. Then after telling her of Stanley being in charge of the escort that was to guard them back to the city, she looked into his face, a smile overspreading her countenance. Stanley could not understand the conversation, so while they were talking he had placed on his blouse, and folded up the towel he held in his hand.

The Dowager had never liked Prince Wing, but she was shrewd enough to know that much depended upon him in the peace settlement.

She well knew if any more complications should arise, it would mean the division of the empire by the foreigners.

"So this is the Prince's nephew, who refused to bow and salute me?" she said to the Emperor. "Well under the circumstances we will be lenient." Turning and smiling at Stanley she motioned for him to follow them, as she took hold of the Emperor's arm,

walking toward the gate where Wing had been sent.

They found him in the cell upon his knees praying.

This caused another frown of displeasure on the woman's face, but into the eyes of the Emperor had come a slight moisture.

He arose to his feet as the Dowager asked, "To whom are you praying? You have no god in this little cell who can hear you."

It was then she first noticed the absent beads and that he was minus the queue worn by all his countrymen.

"I have been praying," he said in a pleasant voice, "to the true and living God who can hear our prayers, wherever we may be." As he thus spoke a slight tremor shook the Emperor's frame.

The Dowager eyed him sharply and ordered the guard to release Wing, while she hurried the Emperor away to the large building directly opposite the gateway.

Wing and Stanley returned to the well, finishing their morning toilet.

The copy of the treaty had been presented to the Court officials; it was later handed by them to the Dowager, who discussed it over with the Council of Yamen for weeks.

Messengers were sent to the capital to communicate with the Prince and his associates.

Stanley and Wing kept a strict observance of the

Sabbath, always inviting the men to their little meeting.

They studied the Bible together, the great truth being made clearer every day.

In the morning after a chapter had been read and prayer offered by one of them, they would proceed to the well to bathe their faces and hands in the clear, cold water.

Several mornings after their first visit that had resulted in Wing's short imprisonment, the Dowager approached them.

The two men looked eagerly for the slender figure of the Emperor, but he was nowhere visible.

The Dowager addressed Wing as she drew near to the well. He greeted her pleasantly, but did not offer to bow to the ground in worship of her majesty. A slight flush spread over her handsome features, but she held her peace and addressed Stanley through Wing.

Her dark, bold eyes were rivited on his pleasant, good natured face, as she said, "I am told you are an American."

He answered her in the affirmative.

How do you find our country in comparison to yours?

Stanley gave a little description of his country. She then plied him with many questions relative to his religion.

He went to their rooms and secured several tracts

and gave them to her, she thanking him with a gracious smile.

They talked over many subjects and as she did not seem disposed to leave, the two men were not in a position to excuse themselves from her presence.

After nearly a half hour's conversation she returned to the gateway opposite the well, but glanced back quite often at the figure of Stanley, as he and his friend proceeded to their quarters.

Morning after morning she would make her appearance at the well as they were washing.

The two men were always disappointed, for something had drawn them towards the Emperor.

They never forgot to ask after his health, but her answer always was, "that he was indisposed."

The Sergeant could feel there was some wonderful power of attraction about this woman as he looked into her face and listened to her conversing with Wing, who after would interpret it to him; he could feel she had some secret aim in coming to the well to converse with them.

They tried changing the time for their washing, but she must have had someone watching their movements, for no sooner had they reached the well when she put in her appearance, the two maids always accompanying her.

They then gave up the visit to the well, carrying the water to their quarters, neither of them aware

in doing so, they were averting the pitfall Satan had prepared for Stanley's downfall.

There was little doubt but what the fallen angel was using this woman to draw the Sergeant away from the truth; he had used her before in acting as a medium for the Emperor, and then when the little gleam of true light had reached him through his servant, Satan had used her to bring about confusion and war causing many lives to be cut off from the true light, that was beginning to shine in this kingdom of darkness.

The light the Lord had revealed to Stanley and Wing was accepted, and they were now flashing it into the palace of the Emperor.

Well did the prince of darkness know it would be flashed to every quarter of the globe, where he labored without opposition for ages.

As the two men had much idle time on their hands waiting to escort the Emperor back to his home, they would busy themselves with the tracts Elder Wood had given them. By carefully studying the scriptures together they were soon able to give the Bible truths as they had been given to them. They now had several places where they were giving Bible studies.

A number of Stanley's comrades had taken an interest in these and after reading one evening he finished with Rev. 14: 9-12.

And the third angel followed them saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his

image, and receive his mark in his forehead or in his hand,

The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mercy into the cup of his indignation, and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

Here is the patience of the saints, here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

One man, Allen by name, had taken more interest than the rest, said, "Did you say Sergeant that the mark of the beast in the forehead or in their hand mean those people who worship on the first day of the week for the Sabbath, after this great Sabbath truth you believe in, has been presented to them?"

Yes, replied the Sergeant, it is upon this class of people the wrath of God is poured out without mixture.

"Well can you tell me what the wrath of God is?" asked Allen.

I will read you what Rev. 15:1 says.

I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

And you say these plagues are poured upon those who have the mark of the beast and his image?

The Sergeant again read Rev. 16: 1-2.

I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels; go your ways and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

You see by this, Allen, whom these plagues reach.

Stanley was greatly surprised one morning when Wing entered the quarters and told him of meeting the Dowager.

She had wished to know why they had not been washing at the well. Wing merely informing her that they preferred washing in the quarters.

An invitation had been extended them to pay a visit to her in her room, as she wished to ask some questions in regard to their religion.

The men both felt this was only an excuse. They could hardly refuse the invitation without showing openly they did not care to further their acquaintance.

A servant brought them a pass of admittance through the gate leading to the royal household.

In the evening the two presented themselves, with Bible in hand, at a large double door guarded by a

soldier, who called to an officer to admit them into the royal quarters.

The officer no doubt had been instructed by the Dowager for he led them through a back hallway to her rooms, where the polite officer bowed them into her presence.

It had already grown dark, and the richly furnished rooms were brightly lighted by large kerosene lamps.

She was seated in a large plush lined divan, dressed in the richest of silk, while about her throat and wrists sparkled diamonds worth a fortune.

The men looked about for the Emperor, but he was nowhere to be seen.

Her long white finger pointed for Stanley to be seated by her side, while Wing was directed to a chair close enough for him to interpret the conversation.

She began by asking the Sergeant how he enjoyed living near the court.

He answered her, that he enjoyed living anywhere that he could serve God.

This answer brought a frown to the smooth, white brow as she said, This God seems to be uppermost in your mind.

I had asked you here this evening to make you a proposal.

The Emperor and I have been talking it over for several weeks.

We need a man in the Court of intellect and ex-

perience to represent our government before the foreigners.

We find after our great defeat, we are lacking in this respect.

As our Prince Wing has placed such confidence in you as to have you commissioned as escort to his majesty, we decided to offer you this high position. You would of course be required to live with us in the palace.

Your power will be unlimited, your salary far above any you could think of commanding elsewhere.

Stanley could plainly see a web had been spread out, by the light that flashed from those sharp, bright eyes.

She had leaned toward him, permitting her slim, white hand to rest against his shoulder.

Silently he prayed, for into his thoughts came, "Thou shalt not commit adultery;" for had not the Saviour's words magnified this commandment so that a wayfaringman need not err.

Mat. 5: 28. But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Wing sat praying silently in his heart, waiting for Stanley's answer to her proposition.

He answered her with deliberation. Perhaps you do not understand the position I occupy. At present I am in the service of my government.

Oh, but we have taken this into consideration ; we can secure your release as soon as we reach the capital.

I would not care to accept, said Stanley, you will be able to find others far more competent to fill such a position than myself. I have never been schooled in diplomacy, and in my judgment the position you wish filled would require a person of a greater knowledge of statescraft than I possess.

Think it over in your mind, she said, and perhaps by the time we reach the capital you will see what a great offer this is.

After several attempts to interest her in the Bible Stanley made an excuse for their departure.

They had hoped for an opportunity of presenting the great three-fold message to the Emperor, but were disappointed in not even meeting him.

They bade the Dowager good-night and returned to the quarters.

The Court now began to make preparations for the return to the capital.

Two wheeled carts and camels were gotten in readiness to transport supplies and valuables that had been taken from their former home in their hasty flight.

After weeks of preparation the Court was at last ready to begin its long, tiresome journey.

They met the Dowager several times while securing water from the well.

One morning the small, delicate figure of the Emperor made its way through the gateway but close at his heels was the Dowager, and the chance of communicating with him was again cut off.

On preparation day, before the Sabbath, Stanley received notice from the Court that the journey would begin the day following the Sabbath.

Wing asked how they would manage to avert traveling on the Sabbath after the journey began.

Stanley answered him by quoting, Take no thought therefore for the morrow, for the morrow will take thought for itself.

Wing smiled as he replied, I had forgotten about that, Sergeant, the Lord will surely provide some way that it will not be necessary for us to violate the commandment. They observed the Sabbath in the usual way and were ready to start as escort on the following morning.

All the tracts the Elder had given them had been disposed of, so both were eager to return again that they might begin the service for the Master.

Dark and void the earth once stood
Hidden away in continual night.
But the spirit moved out from him who is good,
Shedding about its soft rays of light.

Then again, the darkness o'er shadowed the light
Attempting to drive out the spirit of love.
The stars twinkled through the veil of night,
Reflecting from God, in heaven above.

Strong, the dark tempest rages here below,
Dimming bright stars that peep through the veil,
Trying to darken the streams of love which flow
From the courts above on a pure white sail.

Are you led by the shadow of sin
Which is hidden away under the cover of night,
Corrupting the heart that beats within,
Forcing out the good and perfect light?

—KOHK.

CHAPTER X.

FREED FROM THE ARMY.

At last the morning dawned that they must begin the escort duty.

Stanley and Wing were out early and after his men were lined up in the large square, he and Wing rode in nearer the gateway to await until the Court was ready to move out.

In about the compound where the well was located were scenes of confusion; the three or four score wives of the Emperor were being placed in covered carts, which would follow the strange looking concourse.

Probably two scores of sedan chairs were in waiting at the second gate to carry the Emperor, Dowager and the Emperor's favorite wife and little son. The remainder were to carry the Court officials, men holding high positions in the government.

Stanley and Wing gazed in wonder as the chair for the Emperor was brought before the gate leading into the temporary home. The eighteen stalwart carriers bowed to the ground, hiding their eyes from view as his majesty entered the yellow covered chair enclosed with yellow hangings and suspended upon two long, finely carved and decorated poles. These

worthies who bore the Emperor were never permitted to look upon the face or person of their ruler.

When his majesty had entered, an official gave the command and the bearers arose, taking up their burden, and keeping step to the leader, who rapped on a small gong at the front.

After this followed the Dowager, the same system being observed for her.

Then followed the Court officials in turn, they dispensing with this ceremony.

A line of troops had started ahead to clear the way where the first rest would be taken.

Stanley and his men took their place at the head of the Emperor's guards, their wagons following in the wake.

As they passed through the city, thousands of inhabitants were bowed in reverence, with their heads to the ground, none daring to look up or utter a word as the Emperor was carried by.

The two friends looked upon them with pity in their hearts, Wing remarking, "Brother Stanley, if these beings could only be brought to worship God in this manner.

How small the devotion seems for you and me upon bowed knees offering up our petitions to Almighty God, in comparison to these poor misled, superstitious creatures laying their faces in the dust in reverence to this worldly ruler. Surely Stanley,

we are in the stronghold of the Prince of Darkness."

This has been manifested to me ever since we came here, Brother Wing. Why yonder emblem with that hideous dragon painted upon it, representing the national authority, is proof beyond doubt that this power rules the empire. In my heart, Wing, I believe the Lord has drawn us hither to perform a special service.

How well the angels of mercy have protected us so far, but I am not yet satisfied, there is something about the Emperor that denotes success with him with the truths. Oh, but it seems impossible to reach through the mists continually hovering about him.

They had passed through the city gateway and began traveling along the country highway, where vegetation on either side in the fields was growing rapidly under the warm spring sunshine.

Joy thrilled the hearts of Stanley and Wing as they listened to the birds singing in innocent glee, offering their notes of gladness and praise to their Creator, who cared for them during the cold blasts of winter as well as in summer's balmy sunshine.

This was the first spring since the two men had been converted into the truth. How they appreciated the gifts of God as they rode slowly along, guided by the Light of the World. Their minds scarcely dwelt on anything else; every object their eyes looked upon came under these divine rays.

It is strange, said Stanley, as they passed a crooked, stunted tree, it makes no difference how anything has been disfigured, some part of it always shows God's seal upon it.

They came to a group of men bowing to the ground at the approach of the Emperor. A figure near them standing erect, never offered to bow to the approaching column.

Wing gave him a sharp look of scrutiny, fearing for his safety.

Look there, said Stanley, stands a fellow being deprived of the most blessed part of creation, the sense of seeing, yet he goes about full of life, battling with obstacles that arise in his pathway. I wonder what his feelings are, knowing something unusual is transpiring about him, and yet is unable to discern what is going on.

Near this group they passed by a temple with doors wide open, showing a dozen or more idols decorated in respect for the passing monarch.

Before these were several priests chanting in doleful voices, offering special sacrifice for his majesty.

Through a small village the procession passed, the whole population was bowing their faces to the ground.

Day after day they traveled, covering only a short distance the first week.

The first Sabbath of the journey was rainy, the second a terrific dust storm, upon the third Stan-

ley requested again to lay over. This seemed strange to the Court, for they had never observed any day of rest.

Upon discussing it amongst themselves they decided to rest over as Stanley had requested. Wing was greatly pleased at this. Just think of it Sergeant, the first public recognition ever made by my government to God, is resting on His holy Sabbath day.

After this they had no difficulty in laying over each Sabbath and performing their little service in their tent.

The Court traveled very slow. At one city they remained several weeks, performing sacred ceremonies in the large temples.

While here Stanley and Wing did what little missionary work they could, but having no tracts left, this was not very successful.

Most of the soldiers had ceased to attend the services held each Sabbath.

Stanley felt encouraged with his comrade, Allen, who could now plainly see the Sabbath truth.

But what am I to do, Sergeant? You know what our discipline is. After we reach our main camp it will be impossible for me to observe the Sabbath.

You must have more faith in the Lord, Allen, he is well able to care for you under any condition.

This was a great obstacle for me to get over when I came into the truth and you can see how the Lord cleared away those entanglements Satan

was continually placing in my path. Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness sake, said our Saviour.

The commandment that bothered me most, said Stanley, was Thou shalt not kill; and when I began keeping the commandments the Lord gave me strength to pass through any ordeal without even a thought of resenting any attack of evil, therefore, carrying all my burdens.

Once I thought everything I did was performed in my own strength, now I am humble and submissive before the Lord, realizing every breath I draw is given me by God.

You see, Allen, the old man has been supplanted by the new.

Allen looked at his Sergeant in surprise. We have all noticed a wonderful change in you, Sergeant Stanley, but I never thought any power could have made such a change in a man as you speak of.

After the celebration was over, the Court again resumed its journey toward the capital.

As they approached the outpost of the foreigners, Stanley divided his platoon, sending a portion of them to prevent them from firing upon the armed troops of the Emperor.

The Court showed restlessness and the Dowager was much concerned and requested Stanley and Wing to ride near her chair and that of the Emperor.

The rich silk curtains were fastened securely, so none could see the occupants that were being carried along.

As the foreign troops saluted, many lustful eyes gazed at the rich furnishings about the Court procession.

This would indeed have been a splendid haul for them, had they dared follow their own inclinations.

Probably some of them would have looted the rich concourse had it not been for Stanley's escort.

As they neared the capital city on preparation day, plans were made for another stop over, the same observance of the Sabbath was kept as had marked it throughout the journey.

The following day they reached the outer walls and passed through the streets under cover of darkness.

Entering the palace of the Emperor, the foreign guards were withdrawn from the gateway and replaced by those of the Emperor.

Stanley reported with his platoon to his commander.

His term of enlistment had expired, and on the day following the return he received his discharge from the service.

On his knees he thanked the Lord for this liberty.

Now the old fear of violating God's law, Thou shalt not kill, had passed away.

He and Wing next visited the Sunlight Mission,

where they were received by all with a warm welcome.

The Elder then explained to them that they were about to begin the erection of a building for a sanitarium.

We are in need of a good man to oversee this work. I think, Brother Stanley, you could fill the position very nicely.

Stanley accepted with thanks. Wing's services were also secured to do the clerical work for the mission.

This gave them both an opportunity to further study the truths of God's Word and prepare for the service, as they both contemplated going into the mountains of Mongolia, and far into the interior of the flower kingdom, where the Word of God had not penetrated.

When Stanley and Wing told the Elder of the Dowager's generous offer, he sat a long time in meditation.

Brother Stanley, he finally said, this is an opportunity that should not be neglected.

You and Wing call at the palace and perhaps something may arise that you may get the truth before the Emperor.

They followed his advice gaining admittance through the gates with Prince Wing.

The Dowager thought Stanley had come to accept the position offered him, but in this she was very disappointed.

When they asked for an audience with the Emperor she must have surmised their object, for unhesitatingly she replied, that he was not well enough to receive callers.

The building of the sanitarium, which had been the Elder's cherished aim ever since the mission had been established, was now progressing rapidly under the supervision of Stanley.

He realized, in this manner, many could be reached where other methods would fail, so it was with a thankful prayer he had watched the progress of this building.

After the place had been equipped, the doctor and nurses were sent to take charge.

Elder Wood persuaded Stanley and Wing to take the nurses' course that they might be better equipped for their service out on the frontier.

They entered upon their duties with an eagerness that surprised the doctor and nurses.

The method used here was simple treatment. After all natural means were exhausted, scientific treatment was then reverted to. In all cases prayer was liberally offered, thus giving the place a great spiritual atmosphere.

The sanitarium soon received a wide reputation about the city for treating diseases, and large crowds of Chinamen gathered at the dispensary door for treatment. These were always also supplied with tracts spreading wide the third angel's message.

After Wing and Stanley had been well along in their training course, a messenger arrived one day from the palace, requesting the doctor in charge to call on the Emperor at once if it were possible for him to do so. He proceeded with the servant, who had delivered the message.

After being shown into the Emperor's chamber he found his majesty seriously ill.

Around his bedside were chanting priests attempting to dislodge the evil spirit that had taken possession of the honored ruler. They looked upon Dr. Young with disfavor, but Prince Wing, having a knowledge of medicine, persuaded the Emperor to call on the sanitarium doctor for help.

Dr. Young made a thorough examination, diagnosing the case as appendicitis. The doctor advised them to have him removed to the sanitarium.

Prince Wing was willing this should be done, but the Dowager flatly refused to allow him to be moved from his room.

It will be necessary for an operation, explained the doctor, and unless this is performed in six hours his life cannot be saved. If we would have had this case a little sooner, no doubt we could have averted using the knife.

After a consultation among the Court officials and the Dowager it was decided to permit the operation to go on.

The chamber was cleared of the chanting priests, Wing and another nurse were hurriedly brought

from the sanitarium and another surgeon was also sent for to assist in the operation.

A few days after the successful operation, the Emperor began improving, and while convalescing, Wing still acting as nurse, had the opportunity of bringing the gospel light before him.

He prayed with him daily and read chapter after chapter out of the Bible, but the Emperor was completely under control of the Dowager.

After his majesty improved enough to walk a few minutes each day, the nurses were sent away.

On the Sabbath following Wing's return he and Stanley attended the chapel services. When the Sabbath School had been dismissed the services were opened by singing, *The City Above*.

Far away from earth in the deep blue sky
Is a perfect city clothed in spotless white,
Through its streets flow streams of wonderful love,
The echos breathing sweet music away in flight,
Wafted by gentle breezes from the city high
Thrilling longing hearts with a spiritual sigh.

CHORUS—

The city above far away in the sky,
Look in through the gateway with a spiritual eye,
And behold the dear Saviour with blood-stained key
Patiently beckoning for you and for me.

Far away beyond the range of worldly vision,
Where the stormy elements have striven
To destroy the beautiful flowers of happiness
The streams of love to the soul has given.
Which is manifest only from the city high,
By the Spirit of Light shining down from the sky.

Far away in the firmament of heavenly rest
Where the sunlight shines in perpetual peace,
Through the walls of jasper on the righteous blessed,
Who are partakers of the great love feast.
The angels of mercy shall sing a new song
To welcome the weary wanderer home.

Will you follow the straight and narrow path
Which leads to the city of eternal life,
That delivers the faithful from the judgment wrath
Poured without mixture in the last days of strife?
And those who keep the commandments of God,
When the earth is made new, over ashes shall trod.

—KÖHR.

After prayer the Elder took up the subject, The home of the saved.

God had a great purpose in creating the earth. We will turn to Isa. 45: 18 and learn what this purpose was.

For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.

We find by this that this earth was made to be inhabited. Now we will try and discover if the Lord designed that the wicked should inhabit the earth. Prov. 10:30.

The righteous shall never be removed; but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

We will read Ps. 115, 16 and see to whom the Lord gave the earth.

The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's, but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

God made a special promise to Abraham. Read Gen. 13: 14-15.

And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward and westward.

For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever.

To see how much this included, we will read Rom. 4: 13.

For the promise that he should be heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Now we will see if the Lord fulfilled his promise to Abraham before his death. Acts 7: 2-5.

And he said, men, brethren, and fathers harken: The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia before he dwelt in Charran.

And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee.

Then came he out of the land of the Chaldeans, and dwelt in Charran; and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.

And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: yet he promised that

he would give it to him for a possession and to his seed after him, when as yet he had no child.

Has this promise been fulfilled to his children?

We will turn and read Heb. 11: 13.

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Now Abraham looked for a city.

Let us read verse 10 of the same chapter.

For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

We will learn who the seed spoken of in the promise to Abraham is. Gal. 3: 16.

Now to Abraham and his seed were the promise made. He saith not. And to seeds, as of many: but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

All Christians then must be interested in this promise made to Abraham.

We will now read Eze. 37: 12-14 which tells us how God will fulfill his promise to those who have died before the promise was fulfilled.

Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves and bring you into the land of Israel.

And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves.

And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the Lord have spoken it, and performed it saith the Lord.

God has promised to create a new earth. See Isa. 65: 17.

For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

The early Christians looked to the same promise. 2 Peter 3: 13.

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

If we look for these things we should be found with him in peace, without spot and blameless. Verses 11-14.

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness.

Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Nevertheless we, according to his promise look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless.

Now John, the beloved disciple, speaks of a new earth. Rev. 21: 1.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Isa. 35 gives us a description of the new earth. Verse 2 of Chapter 35 speaks of something beside the new heaven and new earth.

It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

Abraham looked forward to a wonderful city. We will see what the size of this city is to be. Rev. 21: 15, 16.

And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

And the city lieth four square, and the length is as large as the breadth, and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length, and the breadth, and the height of it are equal.

We will now read the description of the walls and gates of the city in verses 10-14 of the same chapter.

And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from

God. Having the Glory of God; and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.

On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.

And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Now we will see of what the wall is made by reading Rev. 21: 18-20.

And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper, the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald.

The fifth sardonyx; the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolyte; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

It will be well for us to learn now of what the gates are made.

We will read verse 21 of the same chapter.

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every

several gate was of one pearl: and the streets of the city were pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

Next we have the light of the city. Verse 23.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

We see the glory of God did light this city. Now we will see if there be a sun and a moon in the new earth.

We will read Isa. 30.

Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be seven-fold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the Lord bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

We will see what God does for those to whom he gives the new earth.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

Now we will learn if there will be regular seasons of worship in the new earth. Isa. 66: 22, 23.

For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make, shall remain before me saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain.

And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord.

Those who are overcomers will have part in the new earth. Rev. 21: 7-27.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be my son.

Jesus tells us who may enter the city in Rev. 22: 12-17.

And behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have a right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

For without are dogs and sorcerers, and whore-mongers, murderers, and idolators and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

I, Jesus, have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

And the spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will let him take the water of life freely.

Elder Wood finished the service with a prayer.

Stanley wondered how it was the truth of God's word had never reached him before, but even now he was thankful for the light that was shed about him.

He and Wing worked faithfully in the sanitarium to finish their course in nursing, that they might be well fitted for the work in the broad harvest field of the Master, where the harvest truly is great, but the laborers few.

Prince Wing, after the foreign troops had all left the Empire, proposed a great reform in the government.

He agitated a public school system, with the Bible as a study.

The Dowager opposed this, but the Emperor, who had received much light from the book during his illness favored the movement.

The Council of Yamen discussed the proposed reform for months and at last decided to establish this new system into the government.

This gave Elder Wood a better opportunity to work. He talked it over with Stanley and Wing, who were full of hope for the soon coming of Christ.

"Elder," said Stanley, "I had never known what it was to be truly happy until I left the service of my government, and enlisted upon the escort duty of the Mighty Emperor from on high."

THOU SHALT NOT KILL.

Thou shalt not kill; the commandment read
On chiseled scrawl the hallowed words were written:
The lines were traced by a powerful hand
Knowing the cause of the world's despair,

When in jealous rage an arm was raised
To destroy the life which shone so fair
And cursed, was he who in rage had smitten.

—KÖHR.

Many people, like the fallen angel, accuse God of ruling unjustly.

They say we are created and then receive punishment by the Great Power that knoweth all things.

To learn who the first murderer was, read John 8: 44.

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own, for he is a liar, and the father of it.

This shows beyond a doubt who the first liar and murderer was.

In heaven he was not satisfied with God's perfect government of love, but tried to exalt himself above God.

Isa. 14: 12-14. How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations.

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north. I will ascend

above the heights of the clouds: I will be like the Most High.

It can be seen by this that Satan was cast from heaven to the ground, and is now again trying to ascend above the throne of God.

Many today ask why God did not destroy this spirit of rebellion at once.

By a close study of His Word this conclusion is reached. God alone knew the dreadful consequences of sin. The hosts of loyal angels not knowing that sorrow and disease, and death are the inevitable consequences of sin, might have been in doubt of the love and justice of God, had Satan, one of their number been destroyed.

The true character of sin, must be developed before the universe, and the character of Satan and his angels made manifest to all as it was to God; so that when God should finally destroy him, all would consent that it was just and right.

Now to learn of the dragon's great power, read Rev. 12: 7-9.

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.

And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

When we stop to think of this power that would attempt to dictate and exalt itself above the ruler of the universe, the omnipotent God, we should study God's word to prepare ourselves to resist this prince of darkness.

O, what sorrow there must have been when this awful condition was discovered in heaven. Ez. 28: 15.

Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

The host from other worlds must have looked down with longing, loving eyes upon the happy pair in that beautiful garden, where no sorrow had come.

They were surrounded with the liberal gifts of God at their command; the shrub budding and blooming, vines with sweet scented blossoms, creeping into the fruit laden trees, while over the green turf romped animals like playful lambs.

How sweet it must have been there in the balmy sunshine, the birds singing in innocent glee, while before them came the serpent, the most subtle animal of all beasts of the field at that time: beautiful beyond our imagination, how wonderful it all must have been.

This pair, living happy together, was created a little lower than the angels in the image of God created he them.

One day while talking with them these words were spoken in loving kindness. Gen. 2: 16-17.

And the Lord commanded the man saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat. But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat of it, for in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die.

Why do you suppose God commanded them thus?

In His great love He wished them to be obedient for had He not seen Satan's evil spirit entering the beautiful serpent. Well He knew how this subtile beast would tempt them and in His great mercy He wished to save them from the father of liars, who had been condemned to death, after his fall from heaven, where there was none left for him to tempt.

After God left the happy pair, the serpent came before the woman, who had gone from the side of her mate for a short time.

The following text shows the first lie that was ever told on earth. Gen. 3: 4.

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die.

What sorrow and pity there must have been when the heavenly messenger carried the news to the High Courts above, that the pair in Eden had disobeyed their Heavenly Father. How the angels of mercy must have wept when this first transgression was committed and iniquity was discovered in man.

Yes, the great dragon had been condemned to

death, and as man had harkened to his voice he also was condemned to death.

How could man be saved from this awful punishment for he had been severed from God's great love by Satan in whom there was no hope for redemption?

God in his wisdom spake these words to the serpent with whom Satan had beguiled the woman. Gen. 3: 15.

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

What a wonderful sacrifice this was to make for this fallen pair.

God must give his only son that man might have eternal life, if he would be obedient, but Satan began his work to destroy the race by murder. Gen. 4: 8.

And Cain talked with Abel his brother and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and slew him.

Here was man taking the life of his brother through jealousy, and yet God said that no man should take his life in return for that life which had been slain.

Gen. 4: 15. And the Lord said unto him, Therefore, whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the Lord set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

This blood of Abel which had cried up to God could not be appeased by worldly judgment, but that judgment must be reserved when the Son of man shall come in the last day to execute judgment and repay all according to their works.

Gen. 9 : 6. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed, for in the image of God made he man.

Yes, the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

God's own son must take on humanity, be born of woman, be called the Son of man, that he may judge the deeds of the flesh.

So the man that sheddeth blood, by man shall his blood be shed.

This makes Satan the father of liars, for had he not accused God of ruling unjustly?

By reading Mat. 1 : 21 we find evidence of the Son of man.

And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save the people from their sins.

The following reference shows where Jesus was born. Luke 2 : 7.

And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And the great dragon stood ready to murder this child. Rev. 12 : 4.

And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth, and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

And he tempts man to do his will by wholesale murdering. Mat. 2: 16.

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethelhem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

Here is a reference that is worthy of consideration. If this king could call upon his subjects to execute such a decree as this, why would not rulers of nations today do likewise?

Man is not capable of executing judgment in case of life and death. This judgment belongs to God alone, and when man assumes to execute the same, he is yielding to sin.

We have another illustration of man's judgment. John 7: 19.

Did not Moses give you the law and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?

What more excellent proof could we have for keeping the sixth commandment than is recorded in Luke 11: 51.

From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the

temple; verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.

This text shows beyond a doubt that this generation who had refused to accept the sacrifice that had been offered to save them from death and destruction would be guilty of murder.

They had Satan's influence and their punishment was reserved for the last day. Mat. 16: 27.

For the Son of man shall come in the glory of the Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Now we will see what the works were of this generation spoken of before, by reading Luke 22: 2-3.

And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people.

Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

Also Mat. 26: 48, 49.

Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss that same is he: hold him fast.

And forthwith, he came to Jesus, and said, "Hail, Master;" and kissed him.

After this betrayal they led him to the high priest who had already condemned him. Mat. 26: 57.

And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

Yes, this generation was to pass judgment upon Him, who had been sent into the world by God to save it.

What a wonderful sacrifice, Jesus taking the place of the murderer, who was to be crucified on the cross for having taken the life of another. Mat. 27: 21.

The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said Barabbas.

Yes, Christ had come to save the sinner and not condemn. Mat. 9: 13.

But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice; for I am not come to call the righteous, but the sinners to repentance.

And here were these self-righteous men determined to destroy the Son of man. Luke 23: 46.

And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice he said, Father into thy hands I commend my spirit; and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

So this must be the fulfillment of Gen. 3: 15.

And thy seed shall bruise his heel.

If we are among the few that are chosen we must follow the Master's command. Luke 9: 23.

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

If this leads us to Calvary we should not hesitate for an instant. Jesus said, No man having put his

hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

How could anyone, who is a true follower of Christ take any part in the destruction of human life, for did not the Redeemer lay down his life at the cross, exchanging places with a murderer?

To those who follow their own inclinations and are not guided by the Holy Spirit, which alone can give you the only true interpretation of God's holy Word, will come to an awful awakening, when keeping the commandments of God shall be a test of your faith. Rev. 14: 9-12.

And the third angel followed them saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead or in his hand

The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation, and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever, and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

Here is the patience of the saints, here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

This will surely be a great day when the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head, when

sin and sorrow shall be no more: after fire comes down from heaven. Rev. 20: 8, 9.

And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle; the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city; and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.

Now the image of the beast is a proposition most people fail to consider.

The prophecy shows this image with two horns coming up first like a lamb, then as its power increases, it becomes like the beast.

The constitution of the United States says specifically, that a man can worship according to the dictates of his own conscience, and this same power enacts laws compelling its subjects to rest on Sunday, the day of worship instituted by the beast, therefore, compelling thousands to receive the mark in their forehead or in their hand.

It behooves us all to be very cautious in these last days, when there are many false prophets deceiving the nations.

Now is the time we must lean on the Lord and pray continually that the Holy Spirit may dwell within us and direct us in the straight and narrow path that leads to the life eternal.

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